

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

**April 17, 2025
6:00 PM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

Video recording of meeting available at: www.mauicounty.legistar.com

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Arr.: 6:07 p.m.
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U'u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee			√	
TOTAL PRESENT	7		2	

Bill No. 41 (2025) A Bill for an Ordinance Relating to the Operating Budget for the County of Maui for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Bill No. 42 (2025) A Bill for an Ordinance Relating to the Capital Program for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026

No legislative action was taken.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:29 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-04-17 6:00 PM - Public Hearing

[GAVEL] THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET AND FISCAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED WITH THE ROLL CALL. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> PRESENT. >> VICE-CHAIR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> LOOKING TOWARD TO A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN. >> ALOHA AHI AHI KAKOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> ALOHA, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> EXCUSED.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> ALOHA, AND WELCOME ALL. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA MALA. >> AND COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE.\r\n\r\n>> EXCUSED FOR NOW. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE SEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL, FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS MOANA LUTEY, I'M THE COUNTY CLERK, SEATED NEXT TO ME IS DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK RICHELLE THOMSON AND LEGISLATIVE DIVISION STAFF LAUREN SALDANA, DELL YOSHIDA, ARTHUR SUYAMA AND JOYCE MURASHIGE ALSO HERE WITH US. JOINING THE MEETING FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES IS DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR RICHELLE KAWASAKI FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL. AND KRISTIN WIGGLESWORTH. >> THANK YOU. >> BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING, MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THAT EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MICROPHONES MUTED UNLESS IT'S YOUR TIME TO SPEAK. AS A REMINDER TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE JEAN.\r\n\r\n\r\nWHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM. FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE TESTIFIERS LOG. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTS TO BE ADDED TO THE TESTIFIER LOG. DECORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIME AND ANYONE PERSON WHO BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS, DISTURBS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY COUNCIL MEETING CAN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR A MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE EJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING. EXAMPLES DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OUR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO THE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF OR GENERAL PUBLIC. MS.\r\n\r\n\r\nCLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE PROCEED. >> THANK YOU, WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY. AT THIS TIME, INDIVIDUALS MY TESTIFY ON BILL 41 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI FISCAL YEAR JULY 1,2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026, AND BILL 42, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026. IF YOU HAVEN'T TESTIFIED HERE BEFORE, THERE ARE -- THERE'S A TIMER AND A LIGHT THAT WILL INDICATE WHERE YOU ARE AT IN YOUR TESTIMONY, AND YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES PER ITEM. SO A TOTAL OF SIX. ONCE YOU COMPLETE IF YOU ARE TESTIFYING ON BOTH, PLEASE LET US MO AND WE'LL RESTART THE TIMER FOR YOU. CHAIR, WE'LL BEGIN WITH BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL, NISHITA, FOLLOWED BY JACKOTA KAMAKAU. I'M SO SORRY, I MISSED LA'AKEA RULE AND WE'LL CALL OFF JACKOTA KAMAKAU AND MAKE SURE THE MIC IS WHERE WE CAN HEAR YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\nPLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. >> I'M AUSTIN NISHITA. I GO TO BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL AND PART OF THE AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM. I BELIEVE WE NEED MORE FUNDING FOR OUR PROGRAM, FOR ALL OF THE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WE NEED TO SUPPLY OUR AUTOMOTIVE SHOP. DO I STOP? >> IF YOU'RE DONE. >> I'M DONE.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> I HAVE A QUESTION. >> ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER, MEMBERS? >> I JUST WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE AWARE THAT WE HAVE VACANCIES IN COUNTY AUTO MECHANIC SHOP FOR THE POLICE AND LIKE

THAT? >> I'M AWARE OF THAT. >> DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME JOIN US SOME DAY AT THE COUNTY? >> OH, I WOULD LOVE TO.\r\n\r\nTHAT WOULD BE NICE. >> AWESOME. THANK YOU THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> ONE MORE QUESTION. YOU SAID YOU NEED MORE MONEY. HOW MUCH MONEY YOU NEED?\r\n\r\n>> I DON'T KNOW EXACT MONEY WE NEED, BUT WE NEED A LOT MORE FUNDING. >> WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE FUNDING? WHAT IS YOUR PLAN. >> A LOT OF OUR EQUIPMENT IS BROKEN IN THE SHOP. THREE LIFTS ARE BROKEN. >> THAT IS WHAT YOU PUT THE CARS ON. WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU SO MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JAKOTA, KAMAKA. FOLLOWED BY LA'AKEA WELLS. >> I'M PART OF THE BALDWIN AUTOMOTIVE SHOP. I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED MORE FUNDING FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE BALDWIN SHOP BECAUSE WE HAVE A HOST KIDS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND AT BALDWIN THE EDUCATION IS THE PAST AND A LOT OF KIDS CHOOSE THE PATH OF TRADE SCHOOL. SO I FEEL FOR KIDS GOING TO TRADE SCHOOL, THEY CAN GET STARTED IN AUTOMOTIVE AND HAVE REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE WHEN HAD HE GO TO TRADE SCHOOL SO THEY CAN HAVE AN EDUCATION AND FUTURE, IF THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES EDUCATION OR MONEY TO. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\n\r\nGO AHEAD, MEMBER PALTIN >> THANK, LAKOTA, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU KNEW THAT LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE AN AUTOMOTIVE TEACHER AND WHEN YOU GRADUATE YOU MIGHT BE A TEACHER AT LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL SO THOSE KIDS GET THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES . PERSONALLY, NO. I WOULDN'T, EDUCATION IS NOT REALLY MY THING OR NEITHER IS KIDS, BUT HOPEFULLY THEY FIND ONE. >> I LIKE WHEN MEMBER KNOWS WHAT HER DOING. SO WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO WITH AUTOMOTIVE, OPEN YOUR OWN SHOP. >> PROBABLY NOT OPEN MY OWN SHOP. BUT THIS CLASS REALLY PROVIDED ME A LOT OF PAST THREE YEARS. MY FIRST YEAR AS A FRESHMAN, SHE SHOWED ME OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE THERE ISN'T MANY GIRLS INSIDE THE AUTOMOTIVE SHOPS.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO WHEN SHE REALLY SHOWED ME IN THAT CAREER PATH, I REALLY FOUND A LOVE FOR IT. >> SO I FEEL LIKE I DON'T GET ANY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WRESTLING, WHICH I DO, I WOULD GO TO A TRADE SCHOOL AT WYOMING TECH. >> I WILL GIVE YOU GUYS MONEY. >> THANK YOU. >> ANYTHING ELSE? >> NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> HAVE A NICE EVENING GUYS. >> YOU TOO. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS LA'AKEA WELLS FOLLOWED BY MEGAN MEDLEY. >> ALOHA AND GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL MEMBERS. >> GOOD EVENING. >> MY NAME IS LA'AKEA WELLS AND CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT MY HIGH SCHOOL.\r\n\r\n\r\nFOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE MEO SERIES PROGRAM. ONE OF MY EARLIEST MEMORIES WITH A IN TH GRADE WHERE I WAS SELECTED I ABOUT MY PEERS TO HELP LEAD OUR CLASS IN TEACHING THE UNDERAGED DRINKING PREVENTION CURRICULUM CALLED SLICK. THE BEGINNING OF THE JOURNEY THATS HAS SHAPED WHO I AM TODAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL AND THE PROGRAM HAS INSTILLED IN ME A DEEP SENSE OF KULEANA TO MY COMMUNITY WHETHER IT'S HELPING KUPUNA CLEAN THEIR YARDS, PRESERVING NATIVE PLANTS AT MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS OR SIGN-WAVING IN CAUSES LIKE BULLYING AND SUICIDE-PREVENTION I LEARNED THAT SERVICE. I WAS FORTUNATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A EIGHT WEEK FITNESS CHALLENGE THAT EXPERIENCE INSPIRED A PASSION FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS THAT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. THE MAUI CONNECTION UGE LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE HAS TRULY HI BEEN LIFE-CHANGING. I ENTERED UNSURE OF MYSELF, BUT I LEARNED COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND OVER TIME I BUILT CONFIDENCE, DEVELOPING MY PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS THAT SERVED ME WELL IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS. LEADERSHIP HAS ALSO HELPED ME BE A TEAM MAYER THROUGH LEADING COMMUNITY PROJECT AND WORKING ALONGSIDE MY PASSIONATE PEERS AND IT SHOWED ME THE POWER YOUTH HAVE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT.\r\n\r\n\r\nIT HAS MOTIVATED ME TO KEEP STRIVING NOT JUST FOR MY OWN FUTURE, BUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANKS FOR THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE I HAVE GAINED, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERN WITH MEO OVER THE PAST TWO SUMMERS I HAVE TAKEN ON A PART-TIME ROLE AS THE PROGRAM AIDE. IT FEELS LIKE A FULL CIRCLE MOMENT TO TEACH THE SAME CURRICULUM THAT I FIRST EXPERIENCED IN THE 6TH GRADE AND SO INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR

THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS I HAVE MADE THRU MEO SERVICES. MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION AND HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS INCREDIBLE PROGRAM. THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO MUCH.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> CHAIR, FROM THE STEM WORKS PROGRAM, WE HAVE GOT MEGAN MEDLEY FOLLOWED BY MALIA. >> I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE STEM WORKS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. I HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR ELEVEN YEARS AND STEM WORKS HAS REALLY OPENED UP NEW GATEWAYS FOR ME. STEM WORKS IS NOT JUST EXTRACURRICULAR, BUT CURRICULUM AND KIDS LEARNING AND HAVING FUN AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH FRIENDS, YOUR PEERS THAT ARE LIKE-MINDED. AND I JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE FUNDING THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US. >> ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS?\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. NEXT TESTIFIER IS MALIA GASPAR AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LAUREN ANDAYA. >> HELLO AND GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS MALIA GASPAR. I'M AN 8TH GRADER AT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. >> YOU CAN BEGIN. >> SO I AM 8TH GRADE AT YOUNG INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND WHY STEM PROGRAMS ARE SO GREAT FOR STUDENT AND STEM PROVIDES NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS ALLOWING THEM TO EXPLORE WHAT THEY WANT DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. STEM GETS MANY RESOURCES TO STUDENTS WHO WANT TO BEGIN THEIR CAREERS EARLY THROUGH INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER WORK.\r\n\r\nI HAVE BEEN DOING SYSTEM SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SOME ACTIVITIES OR OPPORTUNITIES I GOT I PARTICIPATED IN THE 2024 SCIENCE FAIR DURING THE SURLY OF 2024 I DID THE EXCITE CAMP AND NOW DANCING HULA EVERY WEEK THANKS TO STEM. I RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE O'AHU STEM CONFERENCE AND GONE TO MY SCHOOL'S FIRST HEALTH CARE DAY AT MAUI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. DOING ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES THROUGH MY MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN WONDERFUL. DURING THE SCIENCE FAIR I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A MENTOR AND EXPLORE AND WORK WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES. THE EXCITE CAMP WAS ALSO A GREAT EXPERIENCE BECAUSE I TRAVELED TO HANA AND HALE'AKALA AND GOT TO EXPERIENCE HAWAIIAN CULTURES THROUGH DANCING HULA AND LEI-MAKING. THE O'AHU STEM CONFERENCE HELPED ME FIND JOBS THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN. IT HELPED ME SEE MANY INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIP AND VOLUNTEER WORK.\r\n\r\nIT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE BECAUSE I BOT TO LEARN ABOUT MANY CAREERS IN THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY AND GOT TO DO HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES. HULA THAT I WOULD HAVE NEVER HAD WITHOUT STEM. THE STEM PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED ME AND MANY OTHER STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR CAREER CHOICES LATER IN LIFE. WITH VOLUNTEER WORK AND INTERNSHIPS. STEM HAS PROVIDED MENTORSHIP AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND MORE INFO ABOUT HEALTH CARE CAREERS. THIS GAVE ME THE BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AS AN 8TH GRADER I COULD HAVE. I'M STILL AN 8TH GRADER AND I DON'T WANT MY YEAR TO END BECAUSE STEM HAS BEEN SUCH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME.\r\n\r\nI WOULD LIKE TO KEEP MAKING SURE THAT THIS PROGRAM KEEPS CONTINUING, BECAUSE AS AN OLDER SISTER, WHO IS ABOUT TO BECOME A 6TH GRADER NEXT YEAR. I HOPE SHE GETS TO HAVE THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE WITH STEM THAT I DID. MEMBERS? MS. PATTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS.\r\n\r\nGASPAR. I FEEL LIKE YOU DIDN'T TELL YOU WHAT YOU DECIDED YOU WANTED TO BECOME AFTER GOING TO ALL OF THOSE PLACES? >> I GUESS AFTER I WOULD DEFINITELY WANT TO COME BACK AND HELP STEM, LIKE MAYBE WHEN I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WOULD LOVE TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD EVENING. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nCLERK CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ROWENA DAGDAG-ANDAYA'S DAUGHTER RYAN, FOLLOWED BY RILEY FUKUSHIMA. >> I WILL BE TESTIFYING ON TWO ITEMS, STEM WORKS AND PARKS CIP. MAY I CONTINUE. >> BY ALL MEANS. >> THANK YOU. ALOHA CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS LAUREN ANDAYA AND 7TH GRADER AT THE SCHOOL. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE STEM WORKS PROGRAM ON MAUI.\r\n\r\nI HAVE ALWAYS LOVED MATH AND SCIENCE, AND BEING IN THE STEM WORKS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME LEARN CODE AUGUST ROBOTICS AND

PROBLEM-SOLVING. BUT TO BE HONEST IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY THERE'S NOT A LOT OF GIRLS IN CODING AND ROBOTICS AT MY SCHOOL AND AT ONE POINT I ALMOST DROPPED OUT BECAUSE GIRLS WERE LEAVING THE PROGRAM TOO. I STARTED TO WONDER, MAYBE I DON'T BELONG EITHER? BUT THEN SOMETHING CHANGED I GOT TO BE PART OF MY FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION AND I SAW SOME OF FRIENDS FROM THERE, MY COUSINS FROM MAUI WAINA AND MAUI HIGH WERE ALSO THERE. WE WERE HAVING FUN CHEERING EACH OTHER ON, AND I BEGAN HAVING FUN WITH MY TEAM. THAT IS WHEN I REALIZED I DO LONG HERE AND I DECIDED STICK WITH IT. NOW I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT STEM WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO KEEP DOING STEM WORKS.\r\n\r\nI ALSO GOT TO TAKE PART IN INTRODUCING A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY. I BUILT AN EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT TOOL AND LEARNED HOW ENGINEERING CAN HELP KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. I ALSO ATTENDED HAWAI'I STEM CONFERENCE WHERE I LEARNED CAREERS IN SPACE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND IT WAS EXCITING TO SEE HOW BIG THE WORLD OF STEM REALLY IS AND HOW MANY WAYS THERE ARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SOME DAY I WANT TO BE A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TECH I WANT TO DESIGN OUTDOOR SPACES THAT ARE NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL, BUT ALSO SAFE AND WELCOMING FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES I WANT TO HELP BUILD COMMUNITIES WHERE EVERYONE FEELS LIKE THEY BELONG JUST LIKE PEOPLE, JUST LIKE HOW STEM WORKS. I HOPE WITH YOUR SUPPORT, IT CAN KEEP INSPIRING OTHER STUDENTS, TOO. MAHALO FOR LISTENING AND THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN US. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, LAUREN. >> THANK YOU. >> ALOHA CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MAUI CLUB SINCE I WAS 7-YEAR-OLD AND HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN REPAIRING AND IMPROVING THE COACH SPENCER POOL IN KAHULUI THROUGH THE COUNTYWIDE PARKS FACILITIES CIP PROGRAM. THIS POOL MEAN A LOT TO ME. IT IS WHERE MY TEAMMATE AND I TRAIN ALMOST EVERY DAY AND IT'S LIKE A SECOND HOME TO MANY OF US. MOST OF OUR SWIMMERS ARE FROM CENTRAL MAUI.\r\n\r\nSO THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY POOL. I KNOW A LOT OF KUPUNA USE THE POOL TOO AND LOVE IT AND IT NEEDS HELP. WHEN WE GO TO SWIM MEETS AT OTHER POOLS IN KIHEI OR PUKALANI, WE SEE HOW NICE THE FACILITIES ARE. THE BATHROOMS ARE A LITTLE NICER AND BRIGHTER. THE DECKS ARE CLEANER AND THE WHOLE PLACE JUST FEELS MORE WELCOMING. I DON'T MEAN TO COMPLAIN, BUT I REALLY WISH THE POOL COULD BE JUST AS BEAUTIFUL. WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME THERE.\r\n\r\nAND I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, TOO. SWIMMING HAS TAUGHT ME DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK AND CONFIDENCE. IT'S WHERE I HAVE MADE FRIENDS AND LEARNED HOW TO PUSH MYSELF. I HOPE FUTURE SWIMMERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENJOY A SAFE CLEAN AND IMPROVED POOL IN OUR KAHULUI. EVERY SUMMER MY SWIM CLUB OFFERS A FREE LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. TAUGHT BY OUR COACHES AND ASSISTED BY SWIMMERS LIKE ME. THAT IS ACTUALLY HOW I STARTED SWIMMING.\r\n\r\nTODAY I'M PROUD TO HELP LEAD THOSE SAME CLASSES AND SHARE MY LOVE OF SWIMMING WITH YOUNGER KIDS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING AND SUPPORTING YOUNG ATHLETES LIKE ME. I REALLY HOPE YOU CONSIDER FUNDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHIRAIISHI POOL AND IT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO ME. CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT THE POOL GETS THE ATTENTION IT NEEDS? MAHALO. >> THANK YOU, LAUREN. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nMEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. ANDAYA. JUST TO CLARIFY, YOU WANT IT TO STAY SALTY; RIGHT? OR WHAT? >> I DON'T KNOW.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> IT'S THE ONLY ONE. >> YES. >> THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS RILEY FUKUSHIMA, FOLLOW BY ELIANA VIERNES.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR COMING. MY NAME IS RILEY FUKUSHIMA AND I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF MEDB'S DEVELOPMENT GRANT UNDER THE MAUI COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MEDB IS A HUGE SUPPORTER FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND THIS HAS PROVIDED US WITH SO MUCH OPPORTUNITIES. ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR OFFERINGS WE HAVE IN OUR AFTER-SCHOOL IS MEDIA. I'M CURRENTLY A 7TH GRADER AND I HAVE BEEN MANY IN MEDIA FOR GO YEARS AND I HAVE COMPETED IN MEDIA COMPETITION IN LONG BEACH,

CALIFORNIA, HOSTED BY THE STEM TELEVISION NETWORK. AS A RESULT FROM THIS TRIP AND EXPERIENCE, WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE A LOT. BUT WE COULDN'T HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THIS WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF MS. SUZUKI AND CASSIDY. MEDIA HAS MADE A BIG IMPACT ON MY LIFE, GAINING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF STORYTELLING AND IT HAS HELPED ME EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT INTERESTS. MEDIA HAS ALSO GIVEN ME A NEW FAMILY AND SPACE WHERE I CAN BE MYSELF. IN ADDITION HELPS ME SOCIALIZE WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT I WOULD NORMALLY NOT INTERACT WITH. THAT IS ALL I WANTED TO SAY. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MEDB WITH THEIR FUNDING SO I CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER SOME AMAZING EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS OF MAUI COUNTY. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER.

MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, MS. FUKUSHIMA. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE AWARE THEY WOULD HAVE A WAILUKU FILM FEST NEXT YEAR AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL FILM MAKERS SUBMISSIONS. >> I DIDN'T KNOW THAT. THANK YOU. >> KEEP IT ON YOUR RADAR.

>> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ELAINIA VERNES, FOLLOWED BY QUIN TAKITANI. >> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ELAINA VERNES AND I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDB'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT UNDER THE MAUI COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I'M A 7TH GRADER AND THIS IS CURRENTLY MY SECOND YEAR IN MEDIA.

I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDB FOR BOTH MY FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF OTHER STUDENTS THAT ARE PURSUING THIS FIELD. WITH THE SUPPORT AND FUNDS THE MEDB, OUR TEAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMPETE IN MY COMPETE COMPETITIONS GIVING US EXPERIENCE AND EXPOSURE TO OUR PASSION OF MAKING VIDEOS. WE WENT TO THE HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN OAHU TO ATTEND OPIO FEST AND DURING THIS EVENT ME AND MY TEAM WON FIRST PLACE FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION. THE MEDIA PROGRAM HAS ALSO TAUGHT BE IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS IN 6TH GRADE WHEN I FIRST STARTED MEDIA I WAS REALLY SHY AND QUIET AND DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROGRAM. I REMEMBER HAVING A HARD TIME EXPRESSING MY VIDEO IDEAS AND BEING NERVOUS ABOUT EVERY SINGLE TIME. I TALKED TO SOMEONE ALTHOUGH I AT THAT TIME IN THE BEGINNING I REALLY ENJOYED MEDIA AND WHAT I WAS DOING AND SO I KEPT WORKING EVERY DAY AND TRIED MY BEST. NOW THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THINGS IN MEDIA, I DON'T STRUGGLE WITH THOSE PROBLEMS ANY MORE.

I'M ABLE TO EXPRESS MYSELF OPENLY AND I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN MEDIA BEING IN THIS PROGRAM HAS GIVEN ME SOMETHING TO DO AND LOVE MEDIA HAS TAUGHT ME TO BE A BETTER PERSON OVERALL FROM ALL THE THINGS I EXPERIENCED BECAUSE IT'S THESE EXPERIENCES THAT I'M TESTIFYING. SUPPORT OF THE MEDB WITH THE FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDB WITH ALL OTHER PARTICIPATING STUDENTS IN STEM WORKS AND WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES. THAT IS WHY I WOULD LIKE TO ASK TO CONTINUE TO FUND AND SUPPORT THESE PROGRAM AND GIVE BOTH PREPONDERANT AND FUTURE STUDENTS THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME. THANK YOU.

>> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU SOMUCH. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS QUIN TAKITANI, FOLLOWED BY JASON AKOBA.

>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS QUIN TAKITANI AND I'M TESTING IN SUPPORT OF MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT UNDER THE MAUI COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I AM CURRENTLY A 7TH GRADER ATTENDING THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. THIS MY SECOND YEAR OF BEING PART OF THE MEDIA PROGRAM AND I HAVE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES THAT I WAS ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR. RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP TO FLORIDA FOR COMPETITION HOSTED BY THE STUDENT TELEVISION NETWORK ALSO KNOWN AS STN. IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FAR BEYOND WHAT I HAD EXPECTED AND I HAD SO MUCH FUN CONNECTING WITH EMP THROUGH THE COMPETITION. HAPPY, WE CAME BACK HOME WITH THREE AWARDS.

I WAS ALSO ABLE TO GO TO OAHU FOR COMPETITION CALLED SHOOT SUMMIT HAWAII. THROUGH THE COMPETITION WE PERSEVERED, TRIED OUR BEST AND WORKED AS A TEAM. OUR CREW ENDED UP DOING AN AWESOME JOB AND WE CAME BACK HOME AS WINNERS. AS YOU HAVE HEARD, THOSE WERE TWO WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES THAT I HAVE BEEN OFFERED

WHILE BEING A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA CLUB. WITHOUT THE FUNDING OF THE MEDB, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THESE EVENTS. THIS PROGRAM NOT ONLY SHOWED ME AN OPTIONAL PATH TO TAKE FOR MY FUTURE, BUT ALSO ENABLED ME TO DISCOVER OR UNLOCK MY PASSION FOR FILMING, WRITING SCRIPTS, EDITING AND SO MUCH MORE. ALTHOUGH I AM LEARNING HOW TO OPERATE A CAMERA, I ALSO LEARN A GREAT DEAL OF TEAMWORK AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. I NOW KNOW THAT COMMUNICATION IS KEY WHEN IT COMES TO WORKING IN A TEAM AND PATIENCE IS AN ESSENTIAL PIECE THAT COMPLETES THE PUZZLE.

WITH THE POWER OF PATIENCE, YOU CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING, AND EVEN WORK WITH NEW PEOPLE WHO MIGHT JUST BECOME YOUR BEST FRIEND. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE ART OF STORYTELLING TRYING NEW THINGS AND FACING NEW AND EXCITING CHALLENGES. SO AGAIN, I LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD SO THAT THEY CONTINUE TO FUND OUR PROGRAM AND HELP STUDENTS LEARN NEW THINGS AND DISCOVER SOMETHING THAT THEY WILL LOVE JUST AS MUCH I LOVE THE MEDIA PROGRAM. THANK YOU. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS JASON AKOBA, FOLLOWED BY ANDREA TAGANA.

GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JASON AKOBA A 6TH GRADER ATTENDING THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND HERE TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT STEM WORKS AFTER-SCHOOL MEANS TO ME. THIS CLUB HAS GIVEN ME AND MANY OTHERS A HOME. THERE IS NO WAY THAT I CAN EXPRESS HOW MUCH THIS CLUB MEANS TO ME. IT'S LIKE A SECOND FAMILY TO ME. IT GIVES US A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN AND EXPRESS OURSELVES. EVERY DAY THAT I WALK INTO THE MEDIA ROOM, I FEEL HAPPY AND READY TO DO ANYTHING.

I PARTICIPATE IN MEDIA AND ROBOTICS AND WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO STN. SINCE MY FRIENDS SPOKE ABOUT MEDIA AND THE OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT ROBOTICS. OVER THE SUMMER I ATTENDED THE STEM WORKS ROBOTICS CAMP AT MAUI, AND REALLY LOVED IT. I CONTINUED THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR AND WE DID REALLY WELL. I BUILT, DROVE AND HELPED TO PROGRAM THE ROBOT AND NOW WE'RE HEADING TO DALLAS IN A FEW WEEKS TO COMPETE IN THE VEX IQ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE I COULD ONLY DREAM ABOUT, BECAUSE MY BROTHER'S TEAM WENT THERE LAST YEAR, AND WON THE WORLD EXCELLENCE AWARD, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST AWARD IN THE WORLD. AS INSPIRED BY HIM AND NOW BECAUSE OF MEDB, I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS.

I ASK YOU TODAY TO CONTINUE TO FUND MEDB AND THE STEM WORKS PROGRAM. SO OTHER MAUI STUDENTS CAN HAVE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE, TOO. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, NEXT TESTIFIER IS ANDREA TAGANA.

CHAIR? >> I'M GOING TO LEAVE FOR A LITTLE WHILE. I HAVE AN EMERGENCY UP COUNTRY WITH THE WATER FLOW. >> GO AHEAD. >> I'M A JUNIOR AT MAUI HIGH SCHOOL. I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDB'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. I AM CURRENTLY AN INTERN WITH THE MAUI COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

I'M FOCUSING ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND RESEARCH. THIS INTERNSHIP HAS TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION, AND THE ROLE RESEARCH PLAYS IN ADJUSTING REAL WORLD CHALLENGES. I BELIEVE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MORE STUDENTS. THESE PROGRAMS OPEN DOORS AND BUILD FUTURE LEADERS. WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO LEARN, CREATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL, IT TRULY CHANGES THE WAY WE SEE THE WORLD AND OUR ROLE IN IT. MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT EMPOWER YOUTH LIKE ME. THANK YOU.

MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ELIA ANGEL, FOLLOWED BY KEANI KEENA. >> GOOD EVENING ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL. MY NAME IS ELLIE ANGEL I'M A JUNIOR AT MAUI HIGH SCHOOL AND I'M PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR STEM EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND TO THE INVALUABLE STEM WORKS PROGRAM AND TO MAKE THE GREATEST IMPACT THAT SUPPORT INCLUDING FUNDING AND GRANTS HAS HAD ON MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF

MANY STUDENTS. MY STEM JOURNEY IN HIGH SCHOOL.\r\n\r\nBEGINNING WITH FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION TEAM AS TEAM CAPTAIN, I HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HANDS-ON PROJECTS BASED LEARNING FRC DEVELOPS, COLLABORATION, PROBLEM-SOLVING AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS THAT EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE WORKSHOP. IT'S ABOUT LEARNING TO LEAD, TO COMMUNICATE AND PERSEVERE. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THE MOST MEANINGFUL PART OF MY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. MEDB'S STEM WORKS PROGRAM HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO FRC TEAM SUCCESS AND TO MY DEVELOPMENT AS A FUTURE STEM PROFESSIONAL. THEIR GRANTS AND SUPPORT HAVE ENABLED US TO PURCHASE ESSENTIAL MATERIALS, REGISTER FOR COMPETITION AND TRAVEL TO THEM. BEYOND FUNDING WITHOUT THIS ASSISTANCE MANY OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. BEYOND FUND PROVIDES VITAL NETWORK CONNECTING US WITH MENTORS, INDUSTRIAL PROFESSIONALS AND STEM RESOURCES ENRICHING OUR LEARNING AWNING REAL WORLD CONTEXT.\r\n\r\nTHEY FOSTER A COMMUNITY THAT ENCOURAGES AND CELEBRATES STEM ACHIEVEMENT. MEDB SUPPORT HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE FOR EXAMPLE OUR PARTICIPATION IN ROBOTICS COMPETITIONS MADE POSSIBLE BY MEDB HAS ALLOWED ME TO MEET AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHER DIVERSE STUDENTS CREATING MEANINGFUL KECKS AND LEARNING INVALUABLE LIFE LESSONS INTO TEAMWORK, STRATEGY AND RESILIENCE THAT I APPLY DAILY. THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE HONED MY TECHNICAL AND SOFT SKILLS ADDITIONALLY STEM WORKS EXPERIENCE LIKE THE STEM CONFERENCES HAS CONNECTED ME TO INDUSTRIAL PROFESSIONALS PROVING INSIGHTS INTO LOCAL STEM CAREERS. I HAVE ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MENTORING YOUNG STUDENTS AT THESE EVENTS WHICH IS EXTREMELY REWARDING SEEING THEIR EXCITEMENT IMPACT OF STEM WORKS EXTENDS FAR BEYOND OUR ROBOTICS TEAM BY INVESTING IN PROGRAMS LIKE FRC MEDB CULTIVATES FUTURE STUDENTS AND MEDB'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE, A FUTURE WHERE MAUI STUDENTS ARE EQUIPPED TO THRIVE. I ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MEDB PROGRAM. THEY ARE WORKING SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTES. >> MS.\r\n\r\nPALTIN HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU. >> THANK YOU, MS. ANGEL. WAS WONDERING WHAT YOUR FUTURE STEM PROFESSION WAS GOING TO BE AND IF YOU WANTED TO BE WITH THE COUNTY IF IT'S LIKE ENGINEERING OR INTERESTED IN I.T. I'M INTERESTED IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING OR PHARMACY. AND YES, I WOULD LOVE TO COME BACK TO HAWAI'I AND PURSUE A CAREER HERE. >> THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KEANI KINAU FOLLOWED BY BRYCE CARVALHO.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS CANI KINAU HERE AS A SENIOR AT MY SENIOR YEAR AT MAUI HIGH SCHOOL TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION TO THE MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS SUPPORTED MINE AND SO MANY OTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS. LIKE MY EXPERIENCE WITH STEM STARTED WHEN I JOINED THE FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION TEAM KNOWN AS FRC. THIS HAS BEEN MONUMENTAL IN THE PERSONAL GROWTH AND SUCCESS I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN MY JOURNEY AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. COMING INTO THIS PROGRAM, I HAD VERY LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH STEM AND NOW IN MY FINAL YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, I WOULD SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT I WOULD NOT BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS I AM TODAY WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM AND THE SUPPORT IT HAS HAD FROM MEDB. IT HAS TAUGHT ME TECHNICAL SKILLS TO SUCCEED IN MY CAREER AND THE FUTURE AS WELL AS LESSONS THAT WILL STAY WITH HE THROUGHOUT MY LIFE. MOST IMPORTANTLY IT HAS BLESSED ME AND MANY OTHERS WITH THE COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS CALL A FAMILY. WITHOUT MEDB SUPPORT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ROBOTICS TEAM TO THRIVE AND SUSTAIN A TEAM WITH THE ABILITY TO COMPETE WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD. IN ADDITION MEDB'S STEM WORKS PROGRAM PROVIDES INTAL SUPPORT TO OUR PROGRAMS WITH I DON'TS SUCH AS THE HAWAI'I STEM CONFERENCE AND PRE-COMPETITIONS THAT STUDENTS AT THE MAUI HIGH ARE PUSHED TO COMPETE IN ANOTHER AMAZING OPPORTUNITY IS THE AMOS CONFERENCE THAT HAS GIVEN ME AMAZING INSIGHT INTO THE STEM AND FUTURE CAREERS TO PURSUE IN THE ISLAND OF MAUI. PERSONALLY THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ME ARE LIFE-CHANGING FUELING ME WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND DRIVE FOR SUCCESS. I BELIEVE MANY MEDB'S CORE VALUES OF RESPECT,

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND I WILL LONG LEARNING AS WE AS AN ISLAND WISH TO PUSH THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF STEM TO THEIR GREATEST THAT I ASK THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS LIKE MEDB AND THEIR GOAL OF INNOVATION AND EDUCATION. ING THAT YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR DEDICATION TO THE EFFORTS OF MAUI'S EDUCATION. >> MEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU.\r\n\r\n>> I WANTED TO CLARIFY ABOUT NOSE MAUI OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY EXPOSED YOU TO. WERE ANY OF THEM COUNTY ENGINEERS, COUNTY I.T., CYBERSECURITY DIVISION? >> I HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE COUNTY, YES. >> LIKE OUR ENGINEERING BONUS? >> YES. >> JUST MAKING SURE THAT THEY DID THAT, TOO. THANKS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. NEXT TESTIFIER IS BRICE CARVALHO FOLLOWED BY DESMOND MILLER. >> ALOHA. MY NAME IS BRICE CARVALHO AND I'M TESTIFYING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. STEM WORKS AS A PROGRAM IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND IT'S AN INVALUABLE WAY FOR THE YOUTH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORLD, AND EXPERIMENT WITH WHAT THEY VERY WELL DO FOR REST OF THEIR LIVES. IN MY EXPERIENCE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF STEM WORKS IS THE SUBSTANTIAL KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO GAIN THROUGH INTERNSHIPS GUIDED BY DEDICATED MENTORS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED KINDNESS, PATIENCE, AND DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR FIELD. THE HANDS-ON LEARNING COUPLED WITH THEIR DEDICATED INSTRUCTION IS INVALUABLE.\r\n\r\nI BELIEVE THAT PROGRAMS LIKE STEM WORK ARE CRUCIAL FOR NEXT-GENERATION OF PROBLEM-SOLVERS AND INNOVATORS BY CONTINUING TO INVEST IN AND EXPAND THESE INITIATIVES WE CAN EMPOWER MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PURSUE STEM AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVERSE MAUI ECONOMY. IN CONCLUSION, MY EXPERIENCE WITH STEM WORKSES HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL. I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY URGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR MEDB'S PROGRAM AS THEY ARE MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MAUI'S YOUTH AND OUR ISLAND'S FUTURE. MAHALO NOF LOA. >> THANK YOU. >> CLERK,. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DESMOND SIG MILLER. >> I HAVE BEEN A STUDENT IN MAUI HIGH'S AUTO PROGRAM THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND I'M ASKING FOR YOU GUYS TO FUND US, OUR PROGRAM.\r\n\r\nSORRY, I'M NERVOUS. FOR THE PAST POUR YEARS, THE AUTO PROGRAM HELPED ME A LOT AND NOT ONLY BENEFITS ME, BUT BENEFITS MY FAMILY, AND PEOPLE AROUND ME THAT I CAN ALSO HELP IF THEY NEED SOMETHING WITH THEIR VEHICLE, SINCE VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION IS LIKE OUR NO. 1 STUFF TO GET TO WORK TO MAKE MONEY AND EVERYTHING. I BELIEVE IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD, EVERY HOUSEHOLD NEED A MECHANIC, SOMEONE WHO MOS WHAT THEY ARE DO, SO BEING IN THIS AUTO PROGRAM FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, HELPED ME A LOT AND NOT ONLY DID THEY TEACH ME ABOUT AUTO, BUT THEY TAUGHT ME MANY SKILLS I WOULD NEED IN LIFE, LIKE PROBLEM-SOLVING, OR LIKE NOT BEING FRUSTRATED OVER A LITTLE PROBLEM. SO I AM ASKING FOR YOU GUYS TO HELP FUND OUR MAUI HIGH AUTOS PROGRAM, BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES IT HELP US, BUT IT HELPS OUR COMMUNITY, SINCE WE ALSO DO VEHICLES IN OUR COMMUNITY. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, ANYBODY?\r\n\r\nYOU HAVE A QUESTION, MEMBER PALTIN? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, DESMOND. I WAS WONDERING WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS AUTO KNOWLEDGE? IS IT JUST A HOBBY OR YOU WANT TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY? >> I WOULD LOVE TO OPEN UP A SHOP AND EVENTUALLY TO MOVE BACK TO MAUI, BECAUSE I COULD NEVER STAY AWAY FROM THIS PLACE. I WOULD LOVE TO OPEN UP A AUTO SHOP IN MAUI, SINCE IT'S HARD TO FIND IN MAUI, SINCE IT'S SUCH A SMALL ISLAND.\r\n\r\nEVENTUALLY I WANTED TO GET INTO AIRCRAFT MECHANIC. SO THIS IS LIKE KIND OF A STEPPING STONE FOR AND IT HELPED ME A LOT LEARNING ALL THE TOOLS AND STUFF. >> RIGHT ON. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> CLERK. >> NEXT TESTIFIER DAVY ARIAS FOLLOWED BY JAY LEE TABONE.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO, COUNCIL MEMBERS, MY NAME IS DAVIE ARIAS, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MAUI HIGH AUTOS PROGRAM AND ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO FUND OUR AUTOS PROGRAM AS MY CLASSMATE DESMOND, I AM A FOUR-YEAR AUTO STUDENT AT HUIE HIGH. IT ALSO TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS LIKE WORKING ON CARS AND HOW CARS WORK. IT ALSO TAUGHT ME A LOT OF LIFE SKILLS AN HOW TO JUST BE A BETTER PERSON. I WOULD

ASK FOR YOU TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING US SO MY UNDERCLASS MENING AND PEERS CAN CONTINUE ENJOYING A GOOD PROGRAM THAT I ALSO ENJOY. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY OR HAPPY EVENING. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> THE TEXT TESTIFIER IS JAY LEE TABONE, FOLLOWED BY DARNELLE AKIMA AND TITAN CASTILLO. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JAY LEE TABONE AND I'M TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MAUI HIGH'S AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM. JUST LIKE THE BOYS RIGHT BEFORE ME, I'M A SENIOR AT MAUI HIGH SCHOOL. BEEN IN THIS PROGRAM FOR FOUR YEARS. IT WAS KIND OF HARD BEING THE ONLY GIRL HERE, BUT MAUI HIGH IS SUCH A GOOD PROGRAM TO HAVE GIRLS AND THIS PROGRAM HAS TAUGHT ME KNOWLEDGE AND NEW SKILLS NOT ONLY IN THIS INDUSTRY, BUT IN LIFE TOO.\r\n\r\nI WOULD BE DEVASTATED TO SEE THIS GO AWAY. SO I HOPE YOU GUYS STILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US AND DONATE MONEY TO US SO WE CAN HELP YOU GUYS AND FIX YOUR GUYS CARS. OKAY? THANK YOU GUYS FOR LISTENING. >> MEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU. >> THANK YOU. I THINK IT'S ILLEGAL.\r\n\r\nWE'RE NOT DOING QUID PRO QUO, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NEXT? ARE YOU GOING TO A SHOP? >> I'M NOT TOO SURE IF I WANT TO PURSUE THIS. BUT IF I WERE TO, I WOULD MOST LIKELY GO TO WYVO TECH, WHICH IS A TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN WYOMING, AND STUDY DIESEL TECHNOLOGY OUT THERE AND HOPEFULLY FIND A GOOD JOB BACK HOME. >> WITH THE COUNTY? >> MAYBE WITH THE COUNTY. WE'LL SEE.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DARNELLE AKIMA AND TITAN CASTILLO. >> ALOHA COUNTY COUNCIL. >> ALOHA. >> MY NAME IS DARNELLE AKIMA AND I'M SO HONORED TO SERVE AS THE CORE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTRAL CLUBHOUSE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MAUI FOR PAST FIVE-AND-A-HALF YEARS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. THIS EVENING, I WILL BE READING FOR ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, AND THEN THEIR FAMILY, WHO DIDN'T WANT TO COME UP, BUT IS SITTING HERE IN OUR AUDIENCE TONIGHT, AND THEN AFTER THAT, WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER TITAN CASTILLO FROM OUR CLUB TO SHARE HIS PORTION. SO AT THIS TIME I AM A MEMBER. MY NAME IS MARI KAHI THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MAUI CENTRAL CLUBHOUSE PROVIDES ME WITH FUN ACTIVITIES LIKE ARTS, GAMES ROOM, AND I LOVE PLAYING POOL. THEY HELP ME MEET NEW FRIENDS AND SUPPORT TEAM BONDING. AT THE CLUB, STAFF TAKE OUR IDEAS AND MAKE IT HAPPEN. I AM A MEMBER OF THE TORCH CLUB, WHICH IS A CLUB WITHIN A CLUB, AND I AM RUNNING FOR SECRETARY.\r\n\r\nWE PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, PLAN AND GO ON FIELDTRIPS, AND PROPOSE FUNDRAISING IDEAS. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI CENTRAL CLUBHOUSE SUPPORTS AND LISTENS TO ME WHEN I'M HAVING A HARD DAY, OR IF SOMEONE HURTS ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, MIRACLE. NOW I AM MIRACLE'S PARENTS I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. WE HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS THAT ATTEND AFTER-SCHOOL AND THEY ARE FULL OF EXCITEMENT AS CLUB HELPS TO ENRICH AND EMPOWER THEIR EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. BEING ABLE TO BE INVOLVED IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, LIKE READING, ART, SINGING AND RECREATIONAL PLAY, GIVING THEM THE VIBRANCY OF SELF AND LIFE, I TRULY APPRECIATE THE ROLES OF EACH STAFF MEMBER, AND WHAT THEY PLAY FOR MY FAMILY AND I. MUCH MAHALOS THE KAI 'OHANA, THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TITAN CASTILLO. >> HI. I'M TITAN. A STUDENT AT HIGH SCHOOL I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CENTRAL CLUBHOUSE FOR TWO YEARS. THINGS I ENJOY INCLUDE CONNECTING WITH FRIENDS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS, ENGAGING IN PLAY AND ENSURING THAT THEY FEEL HAPPY AND COMFORTABLE. I PARTICULARLY ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS, SUCH AS CAPTURE THE FLAG AND FLAG FOOTBALL.\r\n\r\nAT THE CLUB I DISCOVERED THE IMPORTANCE OF KINDNESS TOWARDS OTHERS AND RESPECT FOR OURSELVES. EACH OTHER, OUR CLUBS, OUR PROPERTY, AND OUR EQUIPMENT. IT TRULY FEELS LIKE MY SECOND HOME. I APPRECIATE THAT THEY OFFER A SPACE WHERE I CAN COMPLETE MY HOMEWORK AND AIM FOR EMMYS THE HIGHEST GRADE ACHIEVABLE. I ALSO LOVE GOING ON FIELDTRIPS WITH EO VALLEY BEING MY FAVORITE. IN THE CLUB'S KITCHEN I HAVE LEARNED TO MAKE PIZZA, STRAWBERRY MOCHI, CHICKEN KATSU AND JUKE. I WILL SOON BECOME A MEMBER OF

THE TORCH CLUB AND HOPE TO ONE DAY TAKE ON THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? NONE. THANK YOU. CLERK. >> CHAIR, FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, WE HAVE SHIRLEEN, FOLLOWED BY WAI TOFFA.\r\n\r\n>> HI. SORRY I HAVE IT ON MY PHONE. ALOHA, MY NAME IS SHERILYN KANOHO. I CAN'T EXPRESS ENOUGH ON HOW INCREDIBLE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IS, AND HAS BEEN FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WORK WITH SUCH OF MINE, UNLIKE OTHER PROGRAMS, HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE AND THEY DON'T REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FEES MAKING IT ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE. THE STAFF IS TRULY REMARKABLE. THEY ARE MORE THAN JUST CAREGIVERS.\r\n\r\nTHEY ARE LIKE FAMILY TO OUR CHILDREN. THEY GENERALLY CARE, AND TAKE THE TIME TO BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH THE KIDS AND US PARENTS. THEY ASSIST WITH HOMEWORK, ORGANIZE EXCITING FEED TRIPS AND EVEN PROVIDE NECESSITIES LIKE BIKES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND STUFF, WHICH HELPS ME OUT A LOT BEING A SINGLE PARENT OF FOUR. AND OTHER THAN THAT, I HOPE YOU GUYS CAN CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEM AND STUFF, BECAUSE MY KIDS LOVE IT THERE. THEY KIND OF RATHER BE THERE THAN AT HOME AT TIMES BECAUSE WE DO CHORES ALL THE TIME. WE HAVE A BIG YARD TO CLEAN AND MOM IS LIKE WE HAVE TO DO THIS AND I WISH I COULD JUST GO TO CLUB. YES, IN ESSENCE, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HAS MADE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES AND WE'RE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN.\r\n\r\nTHAT'S IT. THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS WAI TOFFA, FOLLOWED BY MAKANA ONZY. >> ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MAC CANA, THE CLUB DIRECTOR OF TWO FABULOUS CLUBHOUSES ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDIES IS THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE LOVED, BUT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH.\r\n\r\nA SIMPLE HELLO OR HOW ARE YOU CAN BRIGHTEN ANYONE'S DAY. YOU SEE, I, TOO, GREW UP IN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS. I REMEMBER EVERY DAY MY STAFF CONSISTENTLY MADE AN EFFORT TO INSTILL HOPE, BY GIVING ME A HOME. THEY ALSO HELPED ME OPENING NEW DOORS TO VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES. THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE I FELT MOTIVATED TO PURSUE MY GOALS. ENVISION A BRIGHTER FUTURE, AND ENVISION A BRIGHTER FUTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB BOT ME OUT OF THE BIG THREE, ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL.\r\n\r\nNOW AS A CLUB DIRECTOR, MY MISSION IS TO INSPIRE AND ENABLE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED US MOST TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS PRODUCTIVE, RESPONSIBLE AND CARING CITIZENS. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. NO QUESTIONS? THANK YOU. CLERK. >> CHAIR, I'M GOING TO CALL FOR WAI TOVA AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY KELLY PEARSON.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, COUNCIL MEMBERS MY NAME IS WAI, I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR YOUNG LEADERS GROUP AT CLUBHOUSE. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IS MY FAVORITE PLACE TO HANG OUT AFTER-SCHOOL, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOX FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO. WHEN WE ARRIVE, THE STAFF HELP US WITH OUR HOMEWORK, AND GIVE US FUN WORKSHEETS CALLED PROJECT LEARN. MY FAVORITE ACTIVITY IS PLAYING DODGEBALL WITH MY FRIENDS. THE GAME AND THE LAUGHTER MAKES IT AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. I ALSO LOVE COLORING, DRAWING AND SINGING EACH ACTIVITY WE DO BRINGS ME JOY. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IS MORE THAN JUST A CLUB.\r\n\r\nIT'S 'OHANA. IT'S A PLACE WHERE I CAN BE MYSELF, BE CREATIVE AND FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING. I'M SURE MANY OF YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY AFTER HEARING MY SPEECH. THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KELLY PEARSON, >> WHO PUT ME AFTER WAI, THAT IS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW. MY NAME IS KELLY PERSON, AND I'M HONORED TO SERVE AS THE CEO FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MAUI. GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR TONIGHT'S OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE AND HERE TO MAHALO YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT. WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT OUR AMAZING PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY OF MAUI. YOU HEARD FROM OUR LAHAINA, OUR MAKAWAO LEADERS AND MEMBERS OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND OUR HARD-WORKING DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND TONIGHT YOU GOT TO HEAR FROM OUR CENTRAL 'OHANA. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR ORGANIZATION PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN OUR

COMMUNITY BECAUSE BEA DO WHATEVER IT TAKES WHEN WE ARE NEEDED AND WHERE WE'RE NEEDED TO SERVE OUR MAUI CHILDREN AND TEENS WHO ARE OUR FUTURE LEADERS. THE PANDEMIC YEARS WERE STILL AND CHALLENGING BUT WE REMAIN CONSTANT. WE WERE AWARE THAT WE WERE NEEDED MOST DURING THE TRAGIC 2023 FIRES AND WITH ONGOING SUPPORT WE'LL CONTINUE TO BE HERE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. WITH THE BUDGET OF OVER \$4 MILLION THE FUNDING THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE COUNTY PLAY A HUGE ROLE IN THE DELIVERY OF OUR SERVICES AND ACHIEVING OUR MISSION.

WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO BRING POUNDS INTO YOUR COMMUNITY, SECURING OVER 62% OF OUR BUDGET FROM GRANTS, FOUNDATIONS, INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE SUPPORTERS AND STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WHEN I HAVE MORE TIME I WILL SHARE MORE ABOUT OUR CLUB ON THE GO, A CLUBHOUSE ON WHEELS THAT SERVE THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A CLUB FACILITY. HUGE MAHALO TO MEO FOR ALLOWING US TO PARK OUR RV IN THEIR LOT. WE HAVE MANY AMAZING STORIES FROM OUR NEW MENTAL WELLNESS STAFF MEMBER, WHO PROVIDES INCREDIBLE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT OUR CLUBS AND OUR ONE STOP RESOURCE CENTER CONTINUES TO BE A HUB FOR THE COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES FOR OUR YOUTH. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE THE UNCERTAINTY AND CHANGE WE FACE. UNCERTAINTY CAN BE SCARY AND CHANGE, EVEN GOOD CHANGE IS CHALLENGING YET THEY ALSO BRING NEW POSSIBILITIES. THOUGH NONE OF US CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE WE CAN REALIGN OUR MISSION, VALUE AND TRADITIONS.

THESE CONSTANTS ALONG WITH A HEAVY DOSE OF RESILIENCE CAN HELP US NAVIGATE WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY, SO WE CAN HAVE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT. THANK FOR BEING A PART OF OUR VILLAGE, BECAUSE IT TAKES A VERY LARGE VILLAGE AND VERY LOVING VILLAGE TO MAKE SURE OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE, CARING AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. MAHALO. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS? KELLY, YUKI LEI HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU. >> I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU I'M ALWAYS INSPIRED BY YOUR LEADERSHIP, WHATEVER WE CAN BE A PART OF, AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IS JUST REMARKABLE. SO THANK YOU, PLEASE KEEP ON GOING.

YOU NOW OPEN ON MOLOKA'I. I SEE WE HAVE A BUDGET ITEM FROM MOLOKA'I. >> WE'RE TRYING, I THINK WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT THE FACILITY. YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPPORT AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET MOLOKA'I LEADERSHIP AND MOLOKA'I YOUTH OF YEAR, TOO. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. >> FROM MAHALO FAMILY RECOVERY, BREEZE CARVALHO. >> GOOD EVENING, THANK FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS BREEZE CARVALHO AND I'M HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY CENTER.

I'M A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COUNSELOR. AND I AM ALSO A PREVIOUS CLIENT. SO I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW YOUR FUNDING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAN CHANGE LIVES. I BELIEVE IT'S CHANGED MY MOM, ME AND ALL FOUR OF MY DAUGHTERS' LIVES AND HOPEFULLY GENERATIONS TO COME. MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY PROVIDES SERVICES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ISSUES. WE PROVIDE SO MANY SERVICES. WE HAVE AN EARLY LEARNING CENTER, WHERE THE WOMEN CAN TAKE THEIR CHILDREN, SO THAT THEY CAN ATTEND THEIR CLASSES, THEIR THERAPY AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS.

WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE FACILITY. INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SESSIONS, THERAPY AND WE'RE EVENING NOW INNOVATIVE THINGS SUCH AS FOREST BATHING AND REALLY HELPING WOMEN GET RECONNECTED TO CULTURE AND NATURE. MY FAVORITE PART OF MALAMA IS THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER. THESE WOMEN WHO WORK THIS AND THE STAFF WHO PROVIDE A SAFE PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN WHO COME IN AND THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS USED TO HAVING A SAFE PLACE. WE HAVE CLIENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SEPARATION ANXIETY, IT'S HARD FOR THEM TO LET THEIR MOM GO AND DO CLASSES AND THE WOMEN THAT WORK IN OUR EARLY LEARNING CENTER ARE SO PATIENCE AND SO CARING. EVERY DAY WE GET AN EMAIL WITH UPDATES AND I'M TALKING ABOUT DETAILS OF WHAT THEY ATE, WHAT THEIR MOOD WAS AND NOT ONLY ARE THEY HELPING THE CHILDREN, BUT THEY ARE ALSO HELPING THE WOMEN WHO SOMETIMES NEED TO KNOW WHAT GOES INTO A DIAPER BAG WHEN WE TAKE OUR KIDS TO DAYCARE. WHAT KIND OF SNACKS SHOULD I PACK FOR THE KIDS?

IT'S NOT ALWAYS COMMONSENSE TO SOME POPULATIONS AND IT'S MY HONOR AND

MY PERVEZ MUSHARRAF TO BE PART OF THAT TEAM NOW. I CAN TELL YOU PERSONALLY AND ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY CENTER FROM MY HEART. THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU. NO QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CRYSTAL ILKIAV.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO EVERYONE. >> HELLO. >> ALOHA, MY NAME IS CRYSTAL ACALA. I AM A COUNSELOR OVER AT MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY. IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME JUST TWO YEARS AGO, IF I WOULD BE A COUNSELOR THERE, I WOULDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE. I WOULD THINK THAT THOSE LADIES WOULD LOOK AT ME, I WOULD THINK THAT THEY WOULD JUDGE ME AND WOULDN'T LOOK PAST MY PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND TRUST ME TO BE A COUNSELOR FOR THEM. SHORTLY AFTER I STARTED WORKING THERE, THOSE LADIES PROVED ME DEAD WRONG AND MADE ME EAT MY WORDS OF THESE LADIES AND I SHARE SOMETHING IN COMMON, WE KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE LABELED.\r\n\r\nWE KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE JUDGED BY SOCIETY. WE KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE NAMED HORRIBLE AND HORRIFIC NAMES BY SOCIETY, BY THE COMMUNITY, AND SOMETIMES EVEN BY OUR LOVED ONES. SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND. MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY IS A SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT CENTER FOR GENDER SPECIFIC PARENTING WOMEN, AND WOMEN WITH CHILDREN. WE OFFER CARE COORDINATION FOR THE LADIES THAT COME IN, HELP THEM OBTAIN THEIR IDs AND THEIR DOCUMENTS, SO THEY CAN GET A SENSE OF IDENTITY. WE OFFER GROUP COUNSELING AND PSYCHO-EDUCATION CLASSES TO HELP THEM WITH LIFE SKILLS, HEALTHY COPING SKILLS, AND A RELAPSE PREVENTION PLAN. WE ALSO HAVE INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AND WE WORK WITH THEM ONE-ON-ONE, AND HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.\r\n\r\nSO ONCE THEY GET TO LEAVE MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY, AS YOU HAVE MET BREEZE CARVALHO, SHE IS A SUCCESS STORY. AND BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTINUED HELP, I GET TO SEE THESE LADIES COME IN WITH NOTHING. THEY HAVE LOST ALL HOPE, BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP, THEY GET TO GROW, AND GLOW BRIGHTER, AND THEY GET TO BUILD THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND THEY GET TO GO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND LIVE BETTER, HEALTHIER LIVES. SO THANK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TONIGHT. ALOHA. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? >> THANK YOU, MS.\r\n\r\nIKALUA. I HAD A CLARIFICATION, WHEN YOU SAID GENDER SPECIFIC, IT'S ONLY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. >> IT'S FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY IS THE ONLY CENTER ON MAUI THAT OFFERS RECOVERY FOR WOMEN, AND THEIR CHILDREN. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DEBBIE MAHUNA FOLLOWED BY SARAH SUGIDONO. >> ALOHA COUNCIL CHAIR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALSO ALL THOSE THAT ARE PRESENT TONIGHT. MY NAME IS DEBBIE MAHUNA, THE TREASURER FOR THE KA'AHUMANU CHURCH, ACROSS FROM THE COUNTY BUILDING. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT OUR UPCOMING PROJECT FOR YOUR CHURCH RESTORATION. THIS HAS BEEN 14 YEARS IN THE PLANNING, AFTER MANY YEARS OF PRESERVATION, IT IS BECOMING A REALITY. ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL WORK AND THE BUILDING PERMIT IS COMPLETE. A PROJECT MANAGER HAS BEEN HIRED.\r\n\r\nBID REQUESTS HAVE GONE OUT AND HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. NOW WE NEED TO RAISE \$3 MILLION TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY, I KNOW THAT IT CAN HAPPEN. THROUGHOUT THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE WAILUKU SITE THAT PROMOTES HAWAIIAN CULTURE, MUSIC AND EDUCATION. THE CHURCHING HAS LONG SERVED THE GREATER WAILUKU COMMUNITY AND DESPERATELY IN NEED OF RENEWAL AND RESTORATION. THE PROPOSED RESTORATION PROJECT INCLUDES CRITICAL REPAIRS TO THE STEEPLE ROOF AND INTERIOR SANCTUARY AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE. THESE EFFORTS WILL ENSURE THAT THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A SAFE PLACE FOR HAWAIIAN WORSHIP, CELEBRATIONS AND COMMUNITY GATHERINGS.\r\n\r\nWE'RE SEEKING THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. THE CURRENT STRUCTURE ON THE SITE WAS BUILT IN 187 , IT'S NOT ON A PLACE OF WORSHIP, BUT ALSO A SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL LANDMARK HERE IN WAILUKU. THIS CHURCH STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO THE RICH HISTORY OF HAWAI'I AND ITS PEOPLE. IT'S A SYMBOL

OF THE ENDURING LEGACY OF QUEEN KA'AHUMANU, AT THE FOOT OF KALUA THE VALLEY AND ONCE THE ROYAL COMPOUND OF KING KAHEKILI, THE LAST RULING KING OF MAUI BEFORE KAMEHAMEHA AND THE CHURCH'S UNIQUE STYLE GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE. ARCHITECTURE ADDS TO THE AESTHETIC AND HISTORIC VALUE OF THE WAILUKU COMMUNITY. THE SITE WAS PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES ON MAY 12, 19 AND THE HAWAI'I STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES ON MAY 18, 198 IS. TODAY SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M. THE HYMNS AND INVOCATIONS ARE DONE IN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.\r\n\r\nOUR KUPUNA MADE UP THE CONGREGATION AT KA'AHUMANU CHURCH 14 YEARS AOL. MAHALO FOR GIVING ME THIS TUN TO BE HERE AND SHARE WITH YOU . MEMBERS, QUESTIONS MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. KAHU WAS AT OUR DISTRICT MEETS SO WE HEARD HIM IN KIHEI. YOU WERE OF MY PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNCIL AND I DID ASK KAHU IF THEY COULD HAVE SOMEBODY CONTACT ME. I THINK YOUR PROJECT MANAGE IS BOWERS AND KUBOTA. BECAUSE I WANTED TO KNOW THE ABILITY TO PHASE.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS SARAH SUGIDONO FOLLOWED BY DAVID DALY. >> ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS SURVIVOR SUGIDONO TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN INCREASING THE BUDGET FOR MAUI MUI MARINE RESOURCE COUNCIL. I GET TO WITNESS FIRSTHAND HOW THEY WORK FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE OCEAN TO PROTECT THEIR ADAM ISLANDS MOST PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE, ONE OF OUR ISLAND'S MOST PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES ARE REEFS. ON LAND WE WORK TO MITIGATE EROSION BY HELPING RANCHERS INSTALL DEER FENCING AND IN 2023 WE REMOVED THE EQUIVALENT OF 63 SCHOOL BUSES WORTH OF SEDIMENT FROM GULCHES IN SOUTH MAUI PREVENTING THEM FROM WASHING INTO THE OCEAN.\r\n\r\nWE ALSO CREATED HAWAI'I FIRST REFERRED ADOPTED PRACTICES THAT HEALTHY FOR LANDS AND OUR ROOFS FOR WATER. WE'RE PROUD TO BE MANAGER AT 41 BEACHES ACROSS MAUI. THE HUI WAS FIRST GROUP TO TEST WATER WITHIN THE LAHAINA BURN ZONE AFTER THE FIRE AND WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY DATA FOR WEST MAUI, AND ACROSS THE ISLAND. JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO IN FEBRUARY, WE WORKED WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN SOUTH MAUI TO RESCUE BROKEN CORALS AND REPLANT THEM ONTO THE REEF TO GIVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. MOST OF THE WORK THAT WE DO IS DOBIN COLLABORATION WITH MUSTN'T COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OTHER NONPROFITS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND THE EFFECT HAS A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR ISLAND HOME. BUT WE ALL KNOW WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE, BUT IMPORTANT PARTNER AND THAT YOU GUYS THE COUNTY ARE WONDERFUL COUNCIL MEMBERS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT FOR INCREASED FUNDING AS WE RICK DISCONTINUING THIS IMPORTANT WORK AND WE LEAVE MAUI'S FUTURE AND ITS PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE TO CHANCE. AS WE HEARD TONIGHT WHICH IS REALLY INSPIRING MA I IS FULL OF BRIGHT AND I DON'T THINK STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE BIG PLANS FOR THEIR LIVES AND THE COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nTHEY DESERVE TO INHERIT AN ISLAND HOME THAT HAS BEEN PROTECTED AND CARED FOR. SO THAT THEY HAVE A BEST POSSIBLE CHANCE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE FOR ALL OF US THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING MAUI NUI MARINE RESOURCE COUNCIL TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND HOME FOR OUR COMMUNITY. >> MR. JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU MS. SUGIDONO FOR ALL YOU DO. >> TO HELP CLARIFY MAUI RESOURCE MARINE COUNCIL CO-MANAGE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND WEST MAUI REEF INITIATIVE.\r\n\r\nI KNOW THAT CAN GET CONFUSING AND JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT. THE HUI HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE, WHERE THEY LIST ALL OF THE SITES THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY TESTING ON. THE DATA, THAT THESE -- THAT THIS TESTING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR HAS AND WE ALSO COLLABORATED WITH PAC IOS AND A GROUP THAT USES BUOYS AROUND THE WORLD TO GIVE US INFORMATION ON BLEACHING, REEF HEALTH. SO THE HUI IS VERY SPECIAL BECAUSE THE BUOYS IN MAUI ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH THIS GLOBAL DATA PLUS THEIR WATER QUALITY DATA AS WELL. IT'S ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC YES. >> ARGUE THAT SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO. THAT IS WHY YOU ARE ONE OF MY PRIORITIES.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, CHAIR. >> YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DAVID DALY, FOLLOWED BY NOLAN CLARK. >> ALOHA CHAIR, COUNCIL. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME, MY NAME IS DAVID DALY, THE

DIRECTOR OF MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER. I'M JUST FINDING SUPPORT OF MEO'S MICRO ENTERPRISE PROGRAM IN THE FISCAL YEAR 26 BUDGET.\r\n\r\nTHE COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES GRANT FUNDING FOR MEO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT, FINANCIAL EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS MICRO LENDING ON MAUI, MOLOKA'I AND LANA'I. MEO BDC PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED SOURCE OF SPORTS EDUCATION AND FINANCING FOR INDIVIDUALS LOOKING TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS, THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR PROGRAM IS THE CORE FOUR BUSINESS PLANNING COURSE. WHICH ARE TAUGHT COUNTYWIDE BY THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER STAFF. LAST YEAR CORE 4 GRADUATED OVER 120 INDIVIDUALS, AND ALONG WITH CORE 4 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM BDC WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE TEN GRANT AWARDS TO BE USED FOR START-UP SEED MONEY TO HELP BUSINESSES GET OFF TO A SOLID START. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER ALSO PROVIDES YOUTH AND ADULT FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION THAT SETS THE STAGE FOR FINANCIAL FOUNDATION AT ANY AGE. LAST YEAR THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER WAS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO 450 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MAUI COUNTY, AND ON MOLOKA'I, WHICH IS PART OF MAUI COUNTY, 150 ADULTS THROUGHOUT MAUI COUNTY AS WELL. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICING OF THE MICRO AGRICULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM SINCE 2021. LAST YEAR, WE ASSISTED OVER 150 -- EXCUSE ME, 118 SMALL FOOD PRODUCING FARMS IN MAUI COUNTY WITH MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT.\r\n\r\nTHIS SUPPORT SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO MAUI COUNTY'S GOAL OF ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY. MEDB BDC STAFF AND MEO ADMINISTRATION TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS NOLAN CLARK, FOLLOWED BY MARIANNE TANJI. >> HELLO. >> HI. >> MY NAME IS NOLAN. I LIVE IN HAIKU, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT INCREASING THE BUDGET FOR THE MAUI NUI MARINE RESOURCE COUNCIL, AND SPECIFICALLY TO ALLOCATE \$100 K ANNUALLY FOR -- WE MONITOR WATER QUALITY AT 41 BEACHES IN MAUI AND GATHER IMPORTANT DATA WHICH IS CRITICAL IN GUIDING OUR ISLAND TOWARD TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT OUR WATERSHED AND THEREFORE, OUR COASTAL WATER AND REEFS. THE DATA WE GATHER GIVES US INSIGHT INTO PROBLEM AREAS, SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOURCES OF POLLUTION, SEDIMENT, AND THINGS THAT HARM OUR WATER, AND THE REEF. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO KEEP DOING THIS WORK AND COLLECTING THIS DATA TO PROTECT OUR REEFS AND OUR MARINE ECOSYSTEMS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS MARILYN TANJI, FOLLOWED BY LIZ YANELLE >> GOOD EVENING, CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, MARILYN TANJI FROM MAUI COUNTY HOMEOWNERSHIP AND HOUSING PROGRAM. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR PROGRAM AND IN THE PAST YEARS, AND THIS YEAR WE HAVE A LINE ITEM REQUEST IN THE MAYOR'S BUDGET FOR \$190,000, TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM. OUR PROGRAM IS HUD CERTIFIED AND HUD APPROVED. HUD CERTIFIED COUNSELS WE OFFER HOME BUYING EDUCATION CLASSES AND PRE-PURCHASE COUNSELING, AND POST PURCHASING COUNCIL TO HELP HOMEOWNERS UNDERSTAND THEIR FINANCES BEFORE THEY GET INTO A HOME AND AFTER.\r\n\r\nSO WE CAN KIND OF FOLLOW-UP TO SEE BEFORE THEY GET INTO ANY ISSUES ON MORTGAGE PAYMENTS AND WE CAN HELP THEM. WITH ADVICE WE ALSO OFFER PHO CLOSURE, MORTGAGE DELINQUENCY COUNSELING, SO WE CAN TRY TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOME. ALL OF OUR COUNSELINGS SERVICES ARE FREE AND DO RENTAL COUNSELING TO HELP RENTERS GET READY TO BECOME POTENTIAL HOMEOWNERS OR JUST TO FIND WAYS TO HELP KEEP PAYING THE RENT. WE ALSO STARTED A NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR, WHICH IS THE IDA PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM THAT THE COUNTY HAS FUNDED, AND WE HAVE IN THE LAST QUARTER BEEN ABLE TO HELP THREE POTENTIAL HOMEBUYERS PURCHASE HOMES, AND SO THAT IS A MATCH SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT IF THE POTENTIAL HOME-BUYER CAN SAVE \$5,000, THE FUNDING WILL HELP WITH \$10,000, SO THAT THEY CAN USE IT FOR DOWN PAYMENT, OR CLOSING

COSTS. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT. WE HAVE -- WE'RE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, HAWAII COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES AND HALE MALU. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT 21 HOMES THAT WILL BE CLOSING USING THESE FUNDINGS.\r\n\r\nSO I ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO FUND OUR PROGRAM. IT'S EXCITING. I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WAS GOING TO SIGN UP FOR IT ORIGINALLY, BECAUSE THE COST OF HOMES ARE SO HIGH. BUT THERE WAS A WAIT-LIST, AND SO IF YOU FUND IT MORE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT ADVANCE OFFERED IN LANA'I, AND MOLOKA'I. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS FOR THE TESTIFIER? MR. SINENCI.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA MS. TANJI. THAT IS GREAT NEWS. I WAS CURIOUS, HOW LONG IS YOUR WAITING LIST? >> BECAUSE IT'S A PILOT PROGRAM. >> >> OH, IT'S A PILOT. >> IT'S A PILOT PROGRAM, SO HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY ASSETS HAS EIGHT SLOTS WHICH THEY HAVE FILLED, AND WE HAVE 13, SO WE JUST HELP CLOSED THREE LOANS.\r\n\r\nWE HAVE TEN MORE, BUT WE ALL HAVE A WAIT-LIST. ONCE WORD GOT OUT IT WAS LUKE THE PHONES JUST KEPT RINGING. >> THANK YOU. >> YOU'RE WELCOME. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> MR. JOHNSON.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THAT IS SUCH WONDERFUL NEWS. I'M CURIOUS, YOU MENTIONED LANA'I, AND MOLOKA'I. OF COURSE I LIVE ON LANA'I. HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE TO INCLUDE LANA'I AND MOLOKA'I? >> SO RIGHT NOW THE \$10,000, IT DEPENDS. I KNOW THERE'S A DEVELOPMENT AND SOMEONE APPROACHED ME THAT THERE'S A DEVELOPMENT ON LANA'I. I'M TRYING TO WORK WITH THEM TO FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND HOW WE CAN HELP? SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE'S ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT CAN GO INTO THIS PROGRAM, THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT OFFERING IT TO RESIDENTS OF LANA'I AND MOLOKA'I. >> I THINK YOU STILL HAVE TIME, BUT THAT IS SUCH WONDERFUL NEWS THAT YOU ARE EXPLORING THAT. KEEP US POSTED, PLEASE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, CHAIR. >> I WILL. THANK YOU. >> I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU, MARILYN. SO YOUR IDA PROGRAM, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO GO THROUGH THAT PROGRAM? AND MATCHING FUNDS? >> WE HAVE MATCHING FUNDS.\r\n\r\nTHIS WAS A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM WE'RE IN YEAR 2. AND TECHNICALLY, WE HAVE JUST STARTED, BUT THESE FAMILIES WE'RE CLOSING HAVE BEEN SAVING FOR A LONG-TIME. SO THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE MORE THAN \$5,000. SO THE REST OF OUR WAIT-LIST, OR THE NEXT HOMES THAT WE HELP WITH THE POTENTIAL BUYERS, THEY WILL BE IN THE PROGRAM UP UNTIL NEXT JUNE. AND THEY HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO FIND A HOME THAT THEY CAN CLOSE ON. >> SO ARE YOU MONITORING ALL OF THE PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING DEVELOPED ACROSS THE COUNTY? IN TERMS OF WHEN THE PROJECTS BEGIN AND END? SO THAT ONCE THE INDIVIDUALS GET THROUGH, THE IDA PROGRAM, THAT THERE WILL BE SOMETHING TO PURCHASE ON THE OTHER END? >> THAT WOULD WORK.\r\n\r\nTHAT WOULD WORK, IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. BUT THE PEOPLE IN A WE HAVE BEEN HELPING HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT HOMES FOR A LONG TIME. >> RIGHT. >> SO THEY ARE BUYING IN THE MARKET PRICE. SO IT'S QUITE A LOT. >> IT IS. >> BUT THAT WOULD BE IDEAL, IF WE COULD MATCH IT UP WITH A DEVELOPMENT COMING IN AND TRYING TO SELL HOMES IN THE AFFORDABLE RANGE, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANYONE ELSE? IF NOT, THANK YOU. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, NEXT TESTIFIER IS LIZ, ADELE BAGUIO-LARENA. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TONIGHT, COUNCIL MEMBERS I'M THE PROGRAM MANAGER AT HUI AND WE'RE A COALITION MADE UP VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS INCLUDING SARAH THE MAUI NUI MARINE RESOURCE COUNCIL AND NATURE CONSERVANCY AND THE WEST MAUI INITIATIVE AND WE HAVE BEEN SAMPLING MAUI'S COASTAL WATERS AS A QUALITY ASSURED PROGRAM SINCE 2016. AND WE'RE A PROGRAM OF A STAFF WITH ONLY FOUR PEOPLE, ONE PERSON FULL-TIME AND THE REST PART-TIME.\r\n\r\nSO WE REALLY RELY ON 40 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US KEEP UP WITH OUR REGULAR TESTING AND MONITORING OF 41 CURRENT SITES ALONG THE LEEWARD COAST OF MAUI AND WE'RE HUMBLY ASK THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE \$100,000 BUDGET PROVISIO THAT WOULD HELP US CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS. OVER THE PAST NINE YEARS WE HAVE CLERKED OVER 4800 SAMPLES AND ESTABLISHED BOTH A BASELINE OF

OUR COASTAL WATERS AS WELL AS RICH DATA SET THAT WE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDE TO THE HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. AFTER THE DEVASTATING FIRES IN AUGUST 2023, WE ACCEPTED UP AND INCREASED OUR COASTAL WATER SITES IN THE BURN ZONE AS WELL AS OUR SAMPLING SCHEDULE TO MEET THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY EVEN THOUGH WE HAD LOST OUR LAHAINA LAB AND OUR TEAM WAS STRUGGLING AND I PERSONALLY RELIED TO PROBABLY 100 EMAILS FROM AFTER THE FIRES OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND POTENTIAL VISITORS TO OUR ISLAND ASKING ABOUT OUR COASTAL WATERS AND IT WAS REALLY NICE TO BE ABLE TO SOMEWHAT OF AN ANSWER AND TELL THEM THAT WE WEREN'T SEEING ANY MAJOR RED-FLAGS IN THE COASTAL WATERS FROM THOSE FIRES, BUT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY POSTPONER OUR WATER BECAUSE OF NOT ALL QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED. AND WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE OTHER DATA THAT WE'RE SEEING NOT JUST LAHAINA AREA, BUT WE'RE REALLY SEEING BIG PROBLEMS IN THE KIHAI. THE WATER IS CHRONICALLY BROWN AND GETTING BROWNER OVER THE LAST WOULD YEARS AND WE'RE SEEING THAT NOT JUST WITH OUR EYES, BUT WITH THE DATA. REALLY STARKLY AND OF COURSES WE TALK ABOUT COVE PARK A LOT OF COVE PARK HAS REALLY NITRATE ISSUES FROM COMING IN THE WASTEWATER IT'S 100 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE STATE STANDARD THAT IS SET FOR NITRATES AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE REALLY WANT TO WORK ON. OUR DATA HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST TO DETERMINE AND RESOLVE WASTEWATER AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IT'S ALSO BEEN USED TO HELP ABSTAIN GRANTS TO HIRE CONTRACTORS TO IMPROVE RETENTION BASIN INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEN BE ABLE TO REDUCE BROWN WATER EVENTS IN WATERSHEDS AND WE WANT TO DO MORE OF THAT.\r\n\r\nWE CANNOT WORK ON PROBLEM AREAS THAT WE DON'T HAVE DATA AND HAS SHOWN THAT WE REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY AND WE'LL STEP FORWARD TO MEET COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT WATER QUALITY. SO WE'RE WATCHDOGS OF THE WATERS AND WE USE OUR DATA TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE. OUR WATERSHED IN OUR COASTAL WATERS SO WITH THE MONEY, IT WOULD REALLY CHANGE. >> MR. JOHNSON, DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? >> YES, CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH.\r\n\r\n\r\nAPPRECIATE THE WORK YOU ARE DOING. CAN YOU TELL US YOUR WEBSITE. WE PUBLISH WITH THE HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WE TRY TO PUT IT EVERYWHERE IT WOULD BE FOUND, BUT IT'S ON OUR WEBSITE. >> WONDERFUL WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU. MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, I WAS JUST WANTING TO CLARIFY, SINCE MEMBER JOHNSON ASKED, DOES IT SAY ON YOUR WEBSITE WHAT THE THINGS THAT YOU TEST FOR? >> YES. OUR QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN IS ON OUR WEBSITE ACTUALLY, AND WE HAVE EIGHT PARAMETERS THAT WE TEST FOR ON-SITE AS WELL AS THINGS ANALYZED AT UH MANOA THAT COME FROM THE LAND. >> EVERY SAMPLE GETS SENT TO UH MANOA. >> RIGHT NOW WE'RE CUTTING TWO SITE SHORTS. WE DON'T HAVE THE BUDGET, BUT 39 OF OUR 41 SITES. >> WE SEND OUR UH MANOA TESTING THAT WE DID AFTER THE WIRE.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> THERE'S ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCES THAT YOU TEST FOR? >> WE GO NORMAL SAMPLING AND INCREASED SITES TO GET BASELINE OF SITES THAT HAVE METALS AND VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND RIGHT NOW WE'RE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO QUARTERLY CONTINUE TESTS FOR HEAVY METAL SAMPLING WHICH IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE NORMALLY DO. THANK YOU THANK YOU, CLERK. >> THANK YOU NEXT TERER IS ADELE BAGUIO-LARENA, FOLLOWED BY ATARA SUKO SUMMERS. >> HELLO, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU TWICE TODAY. AND I'M GLAD I CAME BACK, BECAUSE I GOT TO LISTEN TO THE INSPIRING TESTIMONIES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, JUST FOR THE RECORD, ADEL BAG YU YO LEANORA, CEO OF MAUI SUPPORT SERVICES TODAY I'M NOT HERE TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY FACES PRIORITIES ESPECIALLY AFTER THE AFTERMATH OF THE WILDFIRES.\r\n\r\n\r\nINSTEAD OF WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SINCERELY THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU, YOUR STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR STAFF ESPECIALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CONCERNS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR VITAL PROGRAMS THAT SERVE OUR KEIKI, OUR 'OHANA AND THE KUPUNA. THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR INVESTMENT WE'RE ABLE TO DELIVER IMPACTFUL SERVICES THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE EARLY HEAD START, COUNTY

CONNECTIONS, CHILD-CARE SUBSIDIES, OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER, AND LITERACY PROGRAM AND YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE POWER OF OUR PARTNERSHIP FOR EVERY DOLLAR THAT YOU PROVIDE, THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDERS, WE'RE ABLE TO LEVERAGE FUNDING SIGNIFICANTLY THROUGH FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING. FOR EXAMPLE, \$70,000 COUNTY INVESTMENT IN OUR EARLY HEAD-START PROGRAM, WE BRING IN \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. FOR A \$45,000 INVESTMENT IN OUR COUNTY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, WE SECURED \$1.3 MILLION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. YOUR \$482,000 FOR CHILD-CARE SUBSTANCE CAN I THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES WE BRING MANY AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD-CARE AND LASTLY THE \$50,000 THAT YOU SUPPORT FOR YOUTH SERVICES WE MATCH WITH \$180,000 MATCH FROM STATE. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, ALONE WE SERVED 8200 INDIVIDUAL MS.\r\n\r\nMAUI COUNTY THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, BECAUSE THIS FUNDING THEY REQUIRE NON-FEDERAL SHARE, WHICH IS THE COUNTY FUNDING. SOCIAL SERVICES LIKE MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES ARE NOT JUST SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE ARE PARTNERS IN LIFTING UP OUR COMMUNITY. SO BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR REACH, AND MAXIMIZE THE PUBLIC RESOURCE. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK TO SUPPORT ON OR BEFORE HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP THAT YOU HEARD TESTIMONY THIS MORNING. KELLY SAID, IT'S TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD AND WE'RE ALL PART OF THAT VILLAGE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. CLERK. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TERA SUIACKO SUMMERS, FOLLOWED BY DEB -- PLEASE CORRECT THE SPELLING WHEN YOU COME UP. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF HAWAI'I IS AN AFFILIATE OF A RENOWNED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND HIGHLY REGARDED 501(C)(3) WE HAVE BEEN FULFILLING OUR MISSION TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS THROUGH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, SERVICE, AND ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH OUR MISSION OF MENTAL WELLNESS FOR ALL.\r\n\r\nWE ENDEAVOR TO REDUCE THE SHAME AND STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL CARE, TREATMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF THOSE WHO ARE AT-RISK FOR MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES ACROSS ALL STAGES OF LIVE IN HAWAI'I. THROUGH OUR LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE BEEN EXPANDING MENAL HEALTH AWARENESS PREPAREDNESS UNDERSTANDING AND EDUCATION THROUGH TRAINING EDUCATION AND EDUCATION ADVOCACY SINCE 1942. WE'RE STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION WITH OFFICES IN O'AHU AND MAUI. IN PROVIDING THESE SERVICES WE HOPE TO PROVIDE POSITIVE PAGE FOR AT LEAST 9290 RESIDENTS OF COUNTY OF MAUI. WE ACT AS A CONDUIT TO THE PUBLIC PROVIDING INFORMATION AND DIRECTION FOR THOSE SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY DIRECTING THEM TO THE RIGHT ORGANIZATIONS, OR SERVICES FOR THEIR NEEDS. THOSE SERVICES INCLUDE SUICIDE PREVENTION, THROUGH VARIOUS TRAININGS INCLUDING SAFE TALK, SUICIDE PREVENTING 101 AND THE YOUTH SUICIDE AND BULLYING PREVENTION PROJECT, PROVIDING DAILY TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE TO CONNECTING CALLERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, POLICE OFFICERS DOE SCHOOL COUNSELORS, LOCAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TO YOUTH AND ADULTS. GROW A RAINBOW PROJECT OFFERS STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND ADVOCATING FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES AND MENAL HEALTH PROBLEMS INDIVIDUALLY AND AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE. THROUGHOUT THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR THE MAUI OFFICE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY REACHED MORE THAN 14,000 INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING 761 YOUTH WERE TRAINED IN SELF-CARE AND SUICIDE AND BULLYING PREVENTION. 65% WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BULLYING AND INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION RISK FACTORS.\r\n\r\n453 YOUTH SERVING ADULTS ON SUICIDE PREVENTING FOUNDATIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID AND 548 GENERAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH RESILIENCE, WELL, AND PREVENTION EDUCATION SERVICES IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY. IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL FOR ALLOWING ME TO PROVIDE THIS TESTIMONY. AND JUST ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WISH THAT THESE SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE WHEN I WAS A STUDENT. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN

LIFE-SAVING. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nMEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU. >> SO YOU GOING TO THE SCHOOLS AND HAVE THE CLASSES? >> YEAH, SO WE PROVIDE FREE TRAININGS FOR STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS. SO WEE SOON HAVE ONE AT YALE INTERMEDIATE AND MAUI HIGH SCHOOL. >> AND WEST MAUI, TOO? >> WE'RE HOPING TO, YEAH, WE'RE TRYING TO GET CONNECTED WITH LAHAINALUNA NOW. IT'S THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, SO TEACHERS ARE BUSY.\r\n\r\nAT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, WE'LL PUBLIC IT OUT. I'M JUST WOULD WEEKS INTO THE JOB, SO I AM GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH. >> OKAY BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS PERSON RETIRED. >> YES, SHE RETIRED. HAD HE NAME WAS DANIELLE AND SHE WAS WONDERFUL. I'M TAKING OVER HER ROLE NOW. >> DO YOU WANT TO CONNECT TO HER TO GET INTO THE LAHAINA SCHOOLS?\r\n\r\n>> I DO HAVE A CONNECTION WITH HER. WE WENT MAUI PREP, BUT YES, I THINK WE STILL NEED TO DEFINITELY REACH OUT TO LAHAINA STUDENTS. THAT IS ONE OF MY GOALS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, FOR SURE. >> THANK YOU. GOOD LUCK WITH MAUI PREP. >> YES, I MO. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DEB MAWA, PLEASE CORRECT MY PRONUNCIATION IF I GOT THAT WRONG. >> ALOHA, MY NAME IS DEB, MAW AND REPRESENTING HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP AND THAT ARING FOR NAMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION USE AND RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF PREVENTING IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE. HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP IS A COALITION THAT WORKS TOGETHER TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND STRENGTHEN FAMILIES ACROSS MAUI COUNTY. YOU ALREADY HEARD POWERFUL TESTIMONY TODAY ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE DO AND THE SCOPE AND THE BREADTH AND I'M HERE TONIGHT TO RESPECTFULLY AND HUMBLLY REQUEST A LINE ITEM OF \$175,000 TO SUPPORT OUR ONGOING TO WORK. AS YOU KNOW, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION IS NOT A ONE HM TIME PROJECT. AND IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT ANY ONE AGENCY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN. IT REQUIRES COLLABORATION.\r\n\r\nAND HO'OIKAIKA IS THE PLACE WHERE WE BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR THAT. WE REALLY SERVE AS THE CONNECTIVE TISSUE THAT WEAVES OUR COMMUNITY SOCIAL SAFETY NET AND THROUGH OUR NAVIGATION SERVICES, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, EDUCATION, PROVIDER TRAINING, WE HELP TO DO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU SAW TONIGHT EVIDENCED IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE HERE. THEY ARE ALL BENEFITING FROM PROTECTIVE FACTORS FROM SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS. AND WHAT WE'RE HELPING TO DO IS BRING THEM TOGETHER TO DO EVEN MORE AND HAVE A BIGGER IMPACT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SINCE THE FIRES OR PARTNERS HAVE BEEN WORKING NONSTOP TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND THEY NEED SUPPORT AS WELL, OUR PROVIDERS. WE CREATE THAT SPACE TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET EACH OTHER, TO SHARE RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT, AND AS ONE OF OUR PARTNERS SAID, WE'RE ALL TRYING TO FIND BALANCE MANY LIFE, WORK AND FAMILY. AND THE GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS THAT WE DO HELP US TO REMEMBER THAT WE'RE NOT ALONE.\r\n\r\nEARLIER TODAY WE SHARED SOME OF OUR RESULTS AND IMPACT, AND JUST AS A REMINDER OUR NAVIGATORS SERVED 459 FAMILIES LAST YEAR, DISTRIBUTING \$127,000 WORTH OF CONCRETE SUPPORT AND AID. HEALING THE HEALERS REACHED 116 PROVIDERS FROM 28 AGENCIES AND WE REACHED OVER 3500 COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGH OUTREACH AND EDUCATION AND TRAINED MORE THAN 200 PROFESSIONALS. HOWEVER, WE HAD TO PAUSE OUR NAVIGATIONS SERVICES AND HEALING THE HEALERS EFFORTS BECAUSE OF THE GAP IN FUNDING AND WE LOST A REALLY VALUABLE STAFF MEMBER AS A RESULT. COUNTY FUNDING WILL HELP US TO REESTABLISH CONSISTENCY IN THE NAVIGATION SERVICES UP TO 200 FAMILY A YEAR AND IT WILL HELP US SUSTAIN THOSE MONTHLY HEALING HEALER SESSIONS AND EXPAND OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND BOOK DISTRIBUTION. THANK FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR SUPPORT, AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. >> MEMBERS, DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO. >> CLERK. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. I'M CONNIE WITH PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP AS DEB JUST MENTIONED WITH HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF AGENCIES THAT COME TOGETHER AND COLLABORATE. THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR 5TH ANNUAL 'OHANA FEST.

IT'S GOING TO BE HELD AT UH MAUI COLLEGE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH FROM 10-2. SO 26, SORRY, IT'S BEEN A DAY.\r\n\r\nI'M TELLING YOU, BECAUSE I WAS HERE THIS MORNING, TOO. SEE, HE HAS A FLIER. APRIL 26, 10-2AT UH MAUI COLLEGE. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT US AND PART OF HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP. I'M THE CO-CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE. ON THE COMMITTEE WE DO OUTREACH. OUR GOAL IS TO GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDE CONCRETE SUPPORT TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nWE HAVE 35 AGENCIES THAT WILL BE ON CAMPUS ON SATURDAY, AND IT'S GOING TO BE AN AMAZING EVENT. IN 2024 KOA CAKA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN TEN OUTREACH EVENTS AND REACHING NEARLY 1300 FAMILIES, THAT WAS 135 ADULTS AND 1085 KEIKI ACROSS MAUI WE'RE ADAMANT ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE THOSE IN RURAL AREAS LIKE MOLINA, HANA AND LANA'I. SO WE'RE MAKING SURE THAT OUTREACH EVENTS HAPPEN THERE AS WELL. WE SEE HOW PEOPLE NEED TO BE SEEN, SUPPORTED AND INFORMED ABOUT THE OUTREACH AND THINGS THAT HAPPEN. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE TO PREVENT TRAUMA. YOU WILL GO INTO A QUICK STORY REAL QUICK. I AM A PRODUCT OF A HOUSEHOLD OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, MEANING I WITNESSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MY HOUSEHOLD. MY PARENTS HAD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE HOUSEHOLD GROWING UP.\r\n\r\nI WAS A PRODUCT OF WITNESSING THAT ALONG WITH MY THREE SIBLINGS. YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF THATS ON A CHILD GROWING UP IT'S DETRIMENTAL. WE HOLD THAT TO OURSELVES, MATTER WHAT WE DO, HOW WE ACT AND WE WALK INTO THE WORLD, IT'S STILL A PART OF US. WE TRY TO LET IT GO, BUT WE STILL HOLD ONO IT. SO WITH US COMING TOGETHER AS A MAUI COMMUNITY, WE CAN HELP THOSE KIDS. THERE'S TOO MANY THINGS HAPPENING ON THE ISLAND WHERE KIDS ARE NOT BEING SUPPORTED AND KIDS ARE NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF AND IT'S OUR JOB AS THIS ISLAND TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH TO SUPPORT THEM, TAKE CARE OF THEM AND BE THERE FOR THEM TO HELP THE PARENTS BE HEALTHY PARENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\nI APPRECIATE YOU ALL. >> DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU, HAVE A GOOD EVENING. >> MEMBERS, IT'S NOW 7:44, YOUR CHAIR WOULD LIKE TO CALL FOR A TEN-MINUTE RECESS. WE HAVE 24 MORE TESTIFIERS TO GO. SO WE SHOULD BE DONE IN ANOTHER HOUR.\r\n\r\nSO 7:44, WE'LL RECONVENE AT 7:54, RECESS? [GAVEL] >> THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 WILL NOW RECONVENE. IT'S NOW 8:00, MS. CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> WE HAVE MARY SMITH, FOLLOWED BY KAMO MAC WAI SMITH. >> HELLO, MY NAME IS MARY SMITH. FIRST TIME I'M HEAR MYSELF IN THE MIC.\r\n\r\nI'M HERE REPRESENTING THE MEO HEAD START KAHULUI. WHERE IS MINE? THAT LITTLE CHILD BACK THERE, SHE IS MY GREAT NIECE AND SHE IS HEADING -- SHE IS ATTENDING MEO HEAD START. MY THREE CHILDREN, THEY ATTENDED MEO HEAD START AS WELL. IN 1997-98 AND 2001, THREE OF MY CHILDREN. IT HAS CHANGED A LOT, THE MEO HEAD START, THEY HAVE CHANGED A LOT. AT THE TIME, WE DIDN'T HAVE WALKING COMPUTERS, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nSO EVERYTHING WAS BOOKS AND PAPERS AND A LOT OF READING. AND MEO HEAD START, THEY HELPED ME AS A PARENT, A SINGLE PARENT A LOT. THEY CAME TO OUR HOUSE, THEY DID HOUSE VISITS. THEY TOOK CARE OF ME AND MY CHILDREN. AND TODAY, NOW THEY ARE TAKING CARE OF MY GREAT NIECE. THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE DIFFERENT, MORE ADVANCED, I CAN SAY. THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY PROVIDE US AS PARENTS AMAZING.\r\n\r\nWHAT ELSE CAN I SAY? I JUST WANTED TO SAY, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MEO HEAD-START PROGRAM. THEY REALLY DO HELP SINGLE PARENTS, STRUGGLING PARENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS. THE REST OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS. NOW I INTRODUCED MY NIECE TO MEO HEAD START. IT TOOK HER A WHILE TO GET IN THERE, BUT SHE DID GET IN THERE, AND IT'S HELPING HER NOW AS A SINGLE PARENT OF THREE. IT'S LIKE FOLLOWING THE GENERATIONS.\r\n\r\nSO PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MEO HEAD-START PROGRAM. I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT, BUT I'M TALKING FOR THE KAHULUI AREA. THANK YOU. >> YOU'RE WELCOME. MEMBERS ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? MARY, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M A HEAD START MOM. SIX OF MY ELEVEN CHILDREN WENT TO MEO HEAD

START.\r\n\r\n>> OH, WOW. >> SO I'M A GRADUATE OF THE HEAD-START PROGRAM AND THE H CAP PROGRAM AND ALL OF THOSE PROGRAMS, TOO. SO YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO END UP. >> YES, ALL OF MY CHILDREN ENDED UP NOT ON THE ISLAND, BUT THEY ENDED UP WITH GOOD EDUCATION. >> CLERK, NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TEMPER IS KAMO MAKAWAI SMITH, FOLLOW BY CARRIE ALD. >> HI EVERYONE.\r\n\r\n>> HI. >> A BIT NERVOUS. MY NAME IS CAMILE MAKAWAI SMITH, REPRESENTING MEO HEAD START AND TO THANK THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR THE FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE MEO HEAD START. MY DAUGHTER IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE HEAD START AND CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST PROGRAM WE ENROLL HER IN. THE PROGRAM HAS GREATLY HELPED MY FAMILY AND I IN SO MANY WAYS. THE PROGRAM NOT ONLY FOCUSES ON KEIKI, BUT THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY AS WELL. PROGRAM HAS HELPED MY CHILD BEING MORE INDEPENDENT AND SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED MANY TASKS.\r\n\r\n\r\nMEO HEAD START GAVE MY DAUGHTER AND I EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER EDUCATE US ON CERTAIN THINGS, ALSO BEEN BENEFICIAL FOR MYSELF, GETTING HER READY FOR REGULAR SCHOOLING. BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE TO DO THINGS ON THEIR OWN WITH THE MEO TEACHERS AND THE HELPERS, THEY ACTUALLY WORK ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE CHILD. THEY SHOW US WITH GREAT ALOHA AND THEY BECOME FAMILY. THEY HELP US WHEN WE'RE FALLING DOWN. THEY PICK US RIGHT BACK UP. SO I HUMBLE ASK PLEASE CONTINUE TO FUND THE MEO HEAD START. SO THAT OUR KEIKI CAN GET THE SUPPORT HAD THAT THEY NEED BEFORE GOING INTO THE REGULAR SCHOOLING.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I APPRECIATE YOU. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CARRIE ALD, FOLLOWED BY DELLA ROSA. >> ALOHA. >> ALOHA. >> MY NAME IS CARY ALD AND I'M A PROUD MEO WAILUKU HEAD START -POINT.\r\n\r\n\r\nMY 'OHANA HAS BLESSED WITH TWO YEARS OF PRE-SCHOOL BECAUSE OF MEO. THE GROWTH THAT I HAVE SEEN OF THE FUTURE GENERATION IS PHENOMENAL. MY KEIKI STARTED DEVELOPING HIS COMMUNICATION SKILLS LIKE NIGHT AND DAY. TWO YEARS AGO I WAS WORRIED THAT MY KEIKI WAS A LITTLE MUTE, BARELY SPEAKING UNDERSTANDABLE WORDS. MY KEIKI IS NOW BLOOMING INTO A KEIKI, WHO SPEAKS HIS MIND, ASSERTIVELY AND SETS BOUNDARIES. WITH THE EXTENDED HOURS THAT MAUI COUNTY HELPS FUND, MY KEIKI GETS THE FEEL OF WHAT A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL IS LIKE AND IS BETTER PREPARED FOR HIS KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION. MY HUSBAND IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO WORK HIS PULL FULL-TIME JOB AND I'M ALLOWED TO PURSUE MY CAREER AND VOLUNTEER AT OUR WAILUKU CENTER.\r\n\r\n\r\nAS A VOLUNTEER I HAVE GAINED A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR TEACHING STAFF AND THEIR AIDES. THE PATIENCE AND GRACE THEY SHOW EVEN ON HARD DAYS IS ADMIRABLE. THEY PROVIDE A WELCOMING AND SAFE PLACE TO LEARN, PLAY AND GROW. I HUMBLY ASK THAT MAUI COUNTY CONTINUE TO FUND MEO'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. OUR KEIKI ARE THE FUTURE OF MAUI COUNTY. LET'S KEEP THEM SHINING BRIGHTLY. MAHALO.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS, SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS OCAN IIDELLA ROSA, FOLLOWED BY DAVID WHITNEY. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. ALOHA MEMBERS, COUNCIL AND CLERKS. MY NAME IS KAYA DELAROSA AND I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD UNDER THE MAUI COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I'M SUPPORTING HERE TONIGHT AND TESTIFYING TONIGHT ON BEHALF THE AUTOMATIVE PATHWAY.\r\n\r\n\r\nI'M A FORMER STUDENT ACTUALLY, I WILL BE GRADUATING THIS YEAR. THE AUTOMOTIVE PATHWAY IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY THAT MY HIGH SCHOOL HAS BLESSED STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO DO HANDS-ON AND WORK-BASED LEARNING, THEREFORE WE CAN WORK ON SCARS SERVICE CARS TO BETTER HELP THE COMMUNITY FOR FREE, WILL BE A WISE AS COMPARED TO PARTS. I HUMBLY ASK YOU THAT YOU CONTINUE TO FUND US MANY REGARDS TO OUR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT SO THAT HE WITH CAN CONTINUE TO LEARN ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEXT-GENERATION. I'M SURE YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND THAT MECHANICAL ISSUES ARE VERY EXPENSIVE, ESPECIALLY HERE IN HAWAI'I. SO I HOPE THAT YOU POKKS CAN CONTINUE TO POUND US AND SUPPORT US IN REGARDS TO THE AUTOMOTIVE PATHWAY. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? MEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU. >> THANK YOU,

MS.\r\n\r\nDELA ROSA. I WAS WONDERING WHAT IS NEXT? WE HAVE PLENTY OF OPENINGS IN THAT KIND. >> SO I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO UH MANOA TO STUDY HAWAIIAN IMMERSION LANGUAGE TO BECOME A 'OLELO HAWAI'I TEACHER AND GOING TO WHITMAN IN WASHINGTON TO MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND MINOR IN AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. >> YOU KNOW LAHAINALUNA IS LOOKING FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE TEACHER, TOO. SO YOU CAN DO THAT IN 'OLELO HAWAI'I. >> I MIGHT HAVE TO RELIEVE MY MAUI HIGH TEACHER AS WELL. MAHALO NUI FOR LISTENING.\r\n\r\n>> AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ALOHA TO AHI AHI TO COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> IT'S DEFINITELY AHI AHI, ALOHA AHI AHI KAKOU. THERE ARE NO TESTIFIERS AT THE MOLOKA'I DISTRICT OFFICE. I HAVE BEEN LISTENING ALL NIGHT. I JUST HAD MY VIDEO OFF. MAHALO CHAIR. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DAVID WHITNEY.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. EXCUSE ME. IT'S VERY NEW FOR ME. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO I'M HERE TO INTRODUCE OUR PROJECT TO THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS DAVID WHITNEY AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ONI FOUNDATION, INC., A NONPROFIT HERE ON MAUI AND OUR MISSION IS TO PERPETUATE THE MULTI-CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HAWAI'I. SO WE FOCUS ON NOT JUST THE HAWAIIAN STORIES, BUT THE IMMIGRATION STORY AND WE INCLUDE THE HISTORY OF THE CHINESE ARRIVAL, PORTUGUESE ARRIVAL, MEXICAN ARRIVAL. WE TRY TO TELL THE DIFFERENT STORIES THAT MAKE HAWAI'I THE MELTING POT OF THE PACIFIC. OUR PROJECT HAS BEEN AN EFFORT OF ABOUT FIVE YEARS.\r\n\r\n\r\nIT WAS STYMIED BY COVID AND THE FIRES. WE HAD TO RELOCATE OUR PLANS TO KAHULUI WHERE WE FOUND A AT QUEEN KA'AHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER. WE STARTED A CENTER 4300 SQUARE FOOT CENTER CALLED WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALOHA, AND WE PRESENT AND OFFER CLASSES IN CRAFTS AND DANCE, AND MUSIC. SO DAILY YOU CAN COME AND LEARN UKULELE OR DRUMMING OR YOU COULD LEARN WEAVING OR HOW TO MAKE A TEA LEAF BRACELET. OUR INTENTION IS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN TOURISM AND RESIDENTS. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE TOURISM BUSINESS FOR 30-PLUS PLUS ALMAKU'U PRODUCTIONS FOR MAUI AND ON CRUISE SHIPS AND FOR CONVENTIONS. WE SEE THAT WITH 250,000 PASSENGERS ARRIVING INTO KAHULUI NOW, ESPECIALLY SINCE LAHAINA HARBOR IS NO LONGER, THERE'S A BIG NEED FOR THE PASSENGERS AND VISITORS TO HAVE A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE IN KUALI'I. WHEN THEY DISEMBARK, THEY GO INTO MAUI MALL AND MAKE THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO QUEEN K, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL EXPERIENCE.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO WE'RE TRYING TO PROVIDE THAT CULTURAL EXPERIENCE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM, WHILE WE ALSO GIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TO CULTURAL EXPERTS AND PRACTITIONERS, AND DEVELOPING FUTURE CULTURAL AMBASSADORS WHEN WE INTRODUCE THE YOUNGSTERS TO THE DIFFERENT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE. THANK FOR YOUR TIME. I APPRECIATE IT. IF I COULD JUST CONTINUE ONE MORE MOMENT? WE'RE INCLUDING FOR MULTIPLE GRANTS OED, AND 'OIIWI GRANT AND HOPING ON YOUR RADAR, WE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR MATCHING FUND OR FUTURE FUNDING SO WE'RE REALLY HERE JUST TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES, AND GET ON THE MAP WITH YOU FOLKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\n\r\n>> I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. >> MEMBER SUGIMURA HI DAVID. >> HI. >> WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION,. >> ONI IS THE NONPROFIT DOING BUSINESSES AS QUEEN K, AS A WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALOHA. >> THANK YOU. I GOT IT. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> NO OTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, FROM THE BEST PROGRAM WE HAVE TIARE ESCOBAR FOLLOWED BY LANI THEODORE. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. >> ALOHA. >> EXCUSE ME, KALAMAI. I'M NERVOUS, WHEN ASKED TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE I FREEZE.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO MY NAME IS TIARE ESCOBAR, RELEASED IN APRIL OF 2024 AND TRANSFERRED TO ALOHA HOUSE RESIDENTIAL, WHICH I COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. UPON EXITING THE PROGRAM, I ENTERED INTO A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF TO LIVE. I DIDN'T HAVE A JOB AT THE TIME, BUT I REACHED OUT TO MEO, ASKING FOR HELP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THERE SHE HELPED ME GET INTO THE WOMEN'S INTEGRATION PROGRAM, WHICH I'M SUPER GRATEFUL FOR. THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED A LOT WITH MY PROGRAM FEES AND GET MY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

THAT I HAVE. EXCUSE ME. A MONTH WEPT BY AND I ENDED UP GETTING A JOB.\r\n\r\nTHE BEST PROGRAM HAS HELPED WITH PURCHASING SHOES, ALSO CLOTHES FOR WORK, BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM, I WAS ABLE TO SAVE MONEY, AND PAY FOR MY FINES AND ALSO MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS GETTING MY DRIVER'S LICENSE BACK. PROGRAMS LIKE THIS ARE A HUGE HELP FOR PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF, TRYING TO REBUILD A NEW LIFE. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS THEODORE, FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER BERBERIAN.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, I'M HERE TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE BEST PROGRAM AND THE WOMEN'S INITIATION PROGRAM AT MEO. BEING INCARCERATED IN 2021 TO 2024, I HAD A LOT OF TIME TO SELF-REFLECT AND NEEDED TO WORK ON MYSELF TO BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY AND MOST OF ALL TO BE THE BEST MOTHER I CAN BE TO MY CHILDREN. WHEN I WAS RELEASED I REMEMBER FEELING SCARED AND LOST. I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN OR WHO TO TALK TO, BECAUSE OF BISHOP CONNECTION WITH MCCC I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE PROGRAM. BISHOP WAS THERE TO HELP AND INSTANTLY I FELT HOPE. THE BEST PROGRAM HELPED TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE, WORKING FARMS AND TRANSPORTATION. IT GIVE ME THE CONFIDENCE THAT I NEEDED TO BEGIN PUTTING MY LIFE BACK TOGETHER.\r\n\r\nOVER THE PAST YEAR, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MEO HAS GROWN. I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THE WOMEN'S INTEGRATION PROGRAM. RENTALS ARE SO EXPENSIVE BUT BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAM I CAN HAVE MY 9-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER LIVE WITH ME. SO I'M ASKING FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE BEST THE WEDNESDAY INTEGRATION PROGRAM NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF AND THOSE IN THE PROGRAM NOW, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE IN THE FUTURE. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nNONE, NEX. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JENNIFER BERBERIAN, FOLLOWED BY MATTHEW MAMO. >> I SAW A FLIER ON MY WALL AND TRAINING THROUGH MEO. I CALLED AND WEN OVER THERE AND HAD HE HELPED ME OBTAIN MY CDL AND START A NEW LIFE. NOT ONLY HAVE THEY GIVEN ME THE TRAINING FOR MY CDL, BUT THEY GAVE ME BACK MY SELF-CONFIDENCE AND MY SELF-RESPECT. IF YOU COULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM, I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS MATTHEW MAMO, FOLLOWED BY MANUEL LUERA. >> GOOD EVENING EVERYONE. >> GOOD EVENING. >> THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO SPEAK. WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT THE BEST PROGRAM I WAS IN A PLACE WHERE I WAS TRYING TO GET MY LIFE BACK ON TRACK. COMING HOME AFTER BEING INCARCERATED AND GETTING OFF THE USE OF DRUGS YOU FACE A LOT OF DOUBT FROM THE WORLD AND HONESTLY SOMETIMES FROM YOURSELF.\r\n\r\nI DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS AND I WASN'T SURE WAS THE NEXT STEP BECAUSE. BUT I KNEW I WANTED MORE FOR MYSELF AND THAT IS WHEN I WENT TO THE BEST PROGRAM FOR HELP. THEY SHOWED UP WITH MORE THAN HELPING ME PAY FOR MY CDL AND THEY SHOWED UP WITH BELIEF, THEY SAW THE POTENTIAL IN ME BEFORE I EVEN FULLY SAW IT IN MYSELF. THEY GAVE ME THE TOOLS THE STRUCTURE AND THE SUPPORT TO TAKE THE REAL STEP FORWARD TOWARDS SOMETHING STABLE, SOMETHING BETTER AND I HAVE DIRECTION. I HAVE A PATH AND IT'S ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE ME, THAT MEANS EVERYTHING. THIS PROGRAM ISN'T JUST ABOUT GETTING A CDL, BUT IT'S ABOUT REBUILDING AND IT'S CREATING OPPORTUNITY AND HOPE WHERE THERE WASN'T MUCH BEFORE AND FOR THAT I'M TRULY GRATEFUL TO THE TEAM BEHIND THE BEST PROGRAM. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> HI, GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS MANUEL GUERRA. I THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED DURING THE EVENING TODAY, AND FIRST AND FOREMOST, I HAVE TO THANK GOD. I HAVE BEEN HEARING ALL THESE PRAYERS THAT YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO. AND I'M ONLY HERE TO TELL YOU MY PRAYER WAS RESPONDED TO. MS.\r\n\r\nHUI HELPED ME INCREDIBLY AND HAPPY YEARS IN PRISON AND I CAME OUT AND STARTED MY FAMILY, HAVE A SON. I WAS WORKING LABOR. I REBUILD SOME GUARDRAILS IN LAHAINA AND I WAS WORKING AND GOT LAID OFF. I WANTED A CAREER AND TIRED OF BEING UNDER THE SUN. IT'S REALLY TOUGH, IT REALLY GOES OUT TO THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE OUT THERE AND I WANT A CAREER TOO. SO I US WANTED TO BE THIS OPTIMIST PRIME TRANSFORMER GUY THAT COULD DRIVE A CDL. SO I ASKED HUI AND SHE SHOWED

ME CARING RESPONSIBILITY OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND MADE ME SUPER HONEST WITH WHAT HAPPENED TO ME AND I'M HERE JUST TRYING TO SHOW BACK GRATITUDE TO THE COUNCIL PEOPLE AND I GOT MYSELF IN THE FIRST TEE GOLF VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.\r\n\r\nSO NOW I'M STUCK THERE ALL SUMMER LONG FOR FREE. SO ME, I'M GOING TO KEEP GIVING BACK FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE THAT I'M HERE WITH MY SON AS A ROLE-MODEL TO HELP EVERYONE OUT. THIS REALLY HELPS. I'M HOLDING BACK EMOTION AND TEARS. SO THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY PRAYERS FROM GOD SENT HERE. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT YOU BUYS, GOD BLESS AND THANKS FOR EVERYTHING. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TERER IS WULANI, FOLLOWED BY JORDAN HOCKER. >> ALOHA, I'M EUI AND THE BEST PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. I FOLLOWED BISHOP'S FOOTSTEPS, AND I'M TRYING TO DO MY BEST TO LIVE UP TO HIS NAME. RIGHT NOW, THEY ALL THANK ME FOR WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED. IT'S NOT ME. IT'S BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE, COUNTY GIVING US THE FUNDING, AND WE'RE SO APPRECIATIVE OF THAT.\r\n\r\nIF YOU CAN SEE ALL THESE WOMEN AND MEN, HOW MUCH THEY HAVE GROWN, AND BECAME MORE CONFIDENT IN THEMSELVES. IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM, AND IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT WE'RE GRATEFUL, AND WE CONTINUE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND FOR THE HELP THAT YOU GAVE US THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS. MAHALO. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? GABE, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION? >> I'M SORRY, I KNOW CDL HAD A MUCH. IS THERE A RANKING OF CDL LICENSES?\r\n\r\n[INAUDIBLE] SO WHEN THEY GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM, DO THEY GET ALL OF THE CLASSES. >> IT DEPENDS RIGHT NOW IF YOU ARE GO WITH THE A, YOU CAN DRIVE ANYTHING FROM THE A DOWN. AND THAT IS THE MOST -- WEIGHT VEHICLE. >> WE WERE JUST HAVING THE DISCUSSION AND WE HAVE NO CDL DRIVERS AND NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF CDL DRIVERS. SO YOU ARE LITERALLY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT. >> IT'S KIND OF HARD, BECAUSE HERE IN MAUI THERE'S ONLY TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE TRAINING. MONTOVA AND RICHARD TAVARES.\r\n\r\nSO IT'S HARD WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO THE COMPANIES AND PRIVATE, OR NONPROFITS LIKE US. IT'S REALLY LIMITED, BUT THEY GOT IT DONE. >> YEAH. AMAZING. >> MAHALO. >> I HAVE A QUESTION, EUI. WHAT DOES IT COST TO TRAIN SOMEONE TO GET A CDL LICENSE?\r\n\r\n>> SO CDL B, WHICH IS A LOWER CLASSIFICATION, THAT ONE IS ABOUT \$3800, AND TO GET YOUR A, IT'S \$5500 FOR EACH PERSON. >> SO YOU CLASS B WOULD ALLOW THEM TO DRIVE MEO BUSES, THAT SIZE; RIGHT? >> YES. IF IT'S A HIGHER WEIGHTED VEHICLE, OR IT'S LIKE THE TRACTOR TRAILERS, THOSE ARE THE AS, YES. >> SO IT COSTS \$3800. >> YES. >> MEO BUSES AND UNDER, YES. ? >> DO YOU GET A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO BE CDL DRIVERS?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> ARE YOU ABLE TO GET THEM ALL TRAINED? >> YES. RIGHT NOW, WE TRY TO GET THEM ALL TRAINED. I GUESS THE PROGRAM IS GETTING A LITTLE BIT -- ESPECIALLY WITH LAHAINA, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IS WHERE THE WORK IS. >> YES. >> SO IT'S NOW BECOMING A LITTLE BIT MORE POPULAR.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER PALTIN, DO YOU HAVE A QUESTIONS? >> YES. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DO A A OR B? >> IT REALLY DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH KNOWLEDGE AND HOW MUCH PHYSICAL PART THAT THE PERSON KNOWS. IT CAN TAKE UP TO LIKE FROM THREE WEEKS IF THEY HAVE THE BACKGROUND TRAINING IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, TO SEVERAL MONTHS IF THEY ARE NOT REALLY FAMILIAR WITH THOSE TYPES OF VEHICLES. >> AND HOW WAS IT THAT YOU GUYS CHOOSE CDL? BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE WANTED TO DO IT, BECAUSE WE ALSO NEED A LOT OF LANDSCAPE SURVEYORS IN LAHAINA, TOO. >> WE TRY TO CHOOSE THINGS THAT WAS NOT SO LENGTHY IN TRAINING.\r\n\r\nWE WANT TO TRY TO GET THEM WORKING RIGHT AWAY. SO THIS WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS NEEDED, AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY IT'S EASY, BECAUSE IT'S NOT EASY. BUT IT'S KIND OF ONE OF THOSE TRAININGS THAT IS A LITTLE BIT QUICKER TO GET THE CREDENTIAL. >> I YIELD TO MY COLLEAGUE. >> THANK YOU. MR. MONTOVA IS MY NEIGHBOR FROM GROWING UP.\r\n\r\nSO I KNOW HE IS GETTING OLDER. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN HE IS NO LONGER DOING IT? YOU CAN TRAIN THE TRAINERS? >> RIGHT NOW, NO. BUT HIS DAUGHTER IS HIS RIGHT-HAND. SO SHE IS ACTUALLY DOING A LOT OF TRAINING TOO, AND EVENTUALLY, THAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN ALL WORK YOUR WAY INTO. >> COOL.\r\n\r\nRIGHTON. THANK YOU

SO MUCH. >> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? I'M SORRY, MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR ALOHA AND MAHALO FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. DO YOU KNOW IF THE BEST PROGRAM PROVIDES ANY SERVICES OR IF THERE'S A BEST PROGRAM ON MOLOKA'I? >> YES, WE DO. WE'RE ABLE TO HELP THE COUNTY OF MAUI LANA'I, MOLOKA'I. WE DO HAVE PEOPLE FROM THERE, BUT AT THIS MOMENT, I'M NOT REALLY HELPING ANYONE WHO IS ACTUALLY LIVING THERE.\r\n\r\nBUT WE CAN HELP THE COUNTY OF MAUI WHICH WOULD BE LANA'I AND MOLOKA'I, TOO. >> MAHALO FOR THAT. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. SO I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION THEN. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU FOLKS TO BE ABLE TO EXTEND TO GO TO MOLOKA'I OR LANA'I? >> WELL, FIRST OF ALL FOR THE CDL, THERE'S NO TRAINING THERE. SO IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ON MAUI.\r\n\r\nOF COURSE, IT'S A LITTLE BIT LENGTHY TRAINING. SO WE WOULD HAVE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING. I KNOW I HAD SOMEONE BEFORE FOR ANOTHER PROGRAM WITH MEO, AND WE WERE GOING TO TRY AND HELP THIS PERSON FROM LANA'I TO GET HIS CDL, AND WE WERE GOING TO HELP PAY HALF OF HIS -- THE FERRY FOR HIM TO GO BACK AND FORTH, OR IF HE COULD FIND LIKE HOUSING TEMPORARY, WHICH HE COULD IN MAUI, WE COULD ACCOMMODATE HIM AND HE COULD GO HOME ON THE WEEKENDS. SO THOSE ARE THINGS WE DID FOR THAT PROGRAM, WHICH WE HAD A LITTLE BIT MORE MONEY WITH THAT FEDERAL PROGRAM. WE WOULD HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT AND PUT IT IN THE BUDGET TO HELP PEOPLE FROM MOLOKA'I AND LANA'I, WHO ARE HERE AND WANT TO GET BACK HOME TO GET BACK HOME AND PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE. >> GOOD. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MEMBERS?\r\n\r\nSEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR COMING. APPRECIATE IT. >> MAHALO, EVERYBODY. ALOHA. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JORDAN HOCKER, FOLLOWED BY WALTER KANAMU. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS JORDAN HOCKER I'M SORRY I'M NOT THERE YOU. WHEN I ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE MY HOUSE, IT STARTED FLOODING. MY NAME IS JORDAN HOCKER I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE MAUI HOUSING HUI AND TENANTS WE SERVE WORKING THROUGH ADVOCACY, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR A RECAP. I COME BEARING ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE? WHAT SHOULD THE REQUIREMENTS BE IF PROGRAM PARAMETERS ARE TOO NARROW AND HOW MUCH TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOUSING INSECURITY AMONG MAUI RENTERS? >> I WILL START THE FOUR CURRENT PROGRAM PARAMETERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING LEAVE OUT LARGE GAPS PEOPLE THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE, BUT ARE STILL RENT BURDENED AND TO LOOK INTO THE RATIO OF INCOME TO HOUSING TO DETERMINE WHETHER HOUSEHOLDS ARE RENT BURDENED OR SEVERELY RENT BURDENED. SO IT'S A RATIO WHILE A HOUSEHOLD IS EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSECURITY AND FORCED TO CUTBACK ON THINGS LIKE FOOD, NECESSARY MEDICATIONS OR MEDICAL CARE THIS BEING THE REALITY FOR ANY OF OUR KUPUNA, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, TEACHERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES AND OWNERS.\r\n\r\nSECOND, BY UTILIZING THE UHERO PRINCIPAL BROKER UNDERTOOK A COST ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE THERE ARE OVER 12,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN MAUI COUNTY THAT MEET THE STATUS OF RENT BURDENED OR SEVERELY RENT BURDENED. THAT MEANS THEY ARE PAYING 30% OR MORE, SOMETIMES 50% OR MORE THAN FOR THEIR HOUSING COSTS. THIRD ,FROM THIS CAUGHT WE EXTRAPOLATED MONEY SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO LIFT THESE HOW OLDS OUT OF HOUSING INNING SECURITY, I.E. UTILIZING ASSISTANCE TO REMOVE RENT BURDENED STATUS FOR THE PERIOD OF YEAR. THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE \$206.1 MILLION. WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS OUT OF SCOPE OF THE COUNTY'S CURRENT BUDGET, AND WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR A BASE AMOUNT TO ADDRESS THIS PART OF HOUSING CRISIS. WE USED BECAUSE LINE OF MONIES ALLOCATED CURING THE MAUI EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER COVID WHICH WAS \$11.8 MILLION AS DISTRIBUTED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I. WE HAVE ADJUSTS THIS AMOUNT FOR THE INCREASE IN RENTAL HOUSING COSTS SINCE THEN BRINGING THE BASE AMOUNT NEEDED TO A MINIMUM OF \$16 .5 MILLION. THE CURRENT PROPOSAL OF \$3 MILLION PUT FORWARD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND EXISTING PROGRAMS WOULD HELP ANYWHERE FROM 120-300 FAMILIES WHICH IS ONLY 1-3 PER CENT OF THE CURRENT NEED.\r\n\r\nSO THE BUDGET IS A LIVING VALUE STATEMENT AND SO I WILL LEAVE THIS BODY

WITH THE PARTING THOUGHT WITH THE CONTINUES ONGOING INCREASES IN RENTAL COSTS SINCE 2019, WHAT ARE YOUR FAMILIES, KUPUNA AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOME SUPPOSED TO DO SO STAY HOUSED? THANK YOU. >> QUESTIONS FOR MS. HOCKER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS WALTER KANAMU FOLLOWED BY MARIA KANAMU.\r\n\r\n>> BEFORE YOU HIT THE BUTTON I'M HERE IN THE 'OHANA PRESENTATION MORE THAN ONE THIS IS MY WIFE. NOT ONLY MY WIFE IS WITH ME, BUT THE 2,000 IWI BURIED IN THE SANDS OF WAIHOLI. WHERE DO YOU START? YOU START FROM THE BEGINNING? DO YOU START FROM THE ENDING? DO YOU START FROM THE MIDDLE? I'M A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED.\r\n\r\n\r\nTONIGHT WE HAD SO MUCH BEAUTIFUL PRESENTERS, SO YOUNG, HIT THE HEART FOR YOU GUYS. GIVE THEM ALL. HISTORY TELLS US IN 1776, THE COLONIAL -- AND KAMEHAMEHA CAME FROM HAWAI'I ISLAND IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONQUER MAUI. THE CHIEF OF MAUI COMBINED WITH WARRIORS FROM O'AHU, LANA'I, AND MOLOKA'I WERE ABLE TO DEFEND THE ISLAND OF MAUI OVER 2,000 WARRIORS DIED IN THE BATTLE, AND THEIR IWI REMAINS IN THE SAND OF KANALUA. MALAMA OUR KANALOA ARE OUR IWI PROTECTORS. A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTIES WOULD INCLUDE GEOGRAPHY SURVEY, CULTURAL AND BURIAL SITES, HISTORICAL DATA, EXISTING FLORA AND FAUNA NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIALS, EXISTING POTENTIAL WATER SOURCE, INGRESS/EGRESS TO PROPERTY, EXISTING TRAILS AND ROADS, SCOPE OF WORK TO BE DONE, ACTION PLAN FOR EACH DAYS OF THE PROJECT, FUNDS NEEDED DETERMINE PRIORITIES AND TIMELINES, DETERMINE PROPER PROTOCOL FOR IWI, DETERMINE WHAT THE PUBLIC CAN GET INVOLVED? BUT MOST IMPORTANT, DETERMINE HAZARDS THAT EXIST SAND DUNES ARE KNOWN TO SHIFT.\r\n\r\n\r\nWHEN IS IT SAFE? CAN WE MAKE IT SAFE? THIS IS MY WIFE'S PART NOW. WILLIAM GLADSTONE, A LIBERAL PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SAID SHOW ME THE MANNER IN WHICH A NATION CARES FOR ITS DEAD AND I WILL MEASURE WITH MATHEMATICAL EXACTNESS THE TENDER MERCIES OF ITS PEOPLE, THEIR RESPECT FOR LAWS OF THE LAND AND THEIR LOYALTY TO HIGH IDEALS. THIS QUOTE SUGGESTS HOW A COMMUNITY HONORS ITS DECEASED CAN INDICATE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT ITS PEOPLE. DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALAN ARAKAWA, THE SAND MINING ON MAUI WAS STOPPED. WHY?\r\n\r\n\r\nI KNOW WHY. DURING VICTORINO'S ADMINISTRATION, MALAMA KANALOA WAS GIVEN RIGHT-OF-ENTRY TO THE SAND DUNES OF WAI'OLI. WE STARTED RESTORATION AND REINTERMENT OF IWI DISCOVERED. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING A WHILE NOW. I KNOW THAT A&B DONATED -- WELL, THE COUNTY BOUGHT THE LAND FROM A&B. BUT THEY GAVE SOME MONEY FOR THE RESTORATION OF KANALUA AND IT WOULD BE -- GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL WILL MEAN A LOT TO US. I'M NOT A GOOD PERSON TO ASK FOR MONEY, BUT CLAIR IS COMING UP NEXT. CLAIR.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. SO CLAIR, YOU CAN COME UP TOO, WHILE I'M TALKING TO HIM. HAVE YOU TALKED TO MAYOR BISSEN? I KNOW YOU TALKED TO ARAKAWA AND TO VICTORINO BUT HAVE YOU TRIED TO TALK TO MAYOR BISSEN? >> I TRIED. >> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? COME ON, CLAIR.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CLAIR APANA, AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PAUL CROZIER. >> GOOD EVENING EVERYONE. >> GOOD EVENING. >> IT'S ACTUALLY VERY NICE TO BE BACK HERE AGAIN BECAUSE I THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR WAIHOLI TO BE THE PLACE TO HONOR OUR KUPUNA. JUST TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY AND LAST THREE, FOUR YEARS, SINCE WAI'OLI WAS PURCHASED, THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS AND VERY GOOD FORETHOUGHT OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF THIS AREA AS WELL AS TO SHOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ALWAYS MAKE THE CONNECTION TO OUR ANCESTRAL HERITAGE TO OUR KUPUNA. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE WHETHER YOU ARE KANAKA OR NOT KANAKA, BECAUSE THIS IS THE UNDERLYING VEIL OF THIS PLACE HERE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING SINCE THE PASSAGE OF -- AND THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND TO MOVE FORWARD TO HONORING OUR KUPUNA.\r\n\r\n\r\nAND BELIEVE ME I HAD TO BEG TO GET THE RIGHT-OF-ENTRY SO THAT WE COULD DO THE BURIAL THAT WAS THERE FROM 1995, AND WE DID THAT BURIAL FOR THE COUNTY, AND DID EVERYTHING. WE DID BURIAL TREATMENT PLAN,

EVERYTHING. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S REALLY A REFLECTION OF THE WAY THE COUNTY FEELS, BUT THERE WAS A THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT WAS GIVEN FOR EQUIPMENT SO THAT WE COULD CLEAR THE TREES AND BRUSH TO MAKE THAT PLACE SAFE, BECAUSE THERE WAS GLASS IN THE SAND AND ON THE GROUND. SO WE DID THAT, AND TO THIS DAY, WE HAVE NOT BEEN PAID THE THOUSAND THAT WE PUT OUT. BUT YOU KNOW, WE DO EVERYTHING FOR OUR KUPUNA VOLUNTARILY. AND JUST TO THANK UNCLE WALTER, BECAUSE HE HAS CONTINUED TO GO TO TAKE CARE TO MALAMA THE BURIAL THAT WE DID FOR THE COUNTY DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THE RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGAIN. I'M SO SORRY, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK THIS IS THE TIME, AND THIS IS THE COUNCIL WHO UNDERSTANDS HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS, AND IF WE HAVE A CHANCE TO PRESENT TO YOU, I WOULD SHOW YOU ALL THE WAYS THAT OUR KUPUNA HAVE LEFT US TO MAKE THIS PLACE A MORE COHESIVE PLACE, A PLACE OF PEACE, AND COOPERATION.\r\n\r\nAND TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE CHANCE TO LEARN WHAT IT IS TO CONNECT TO OUR ANCESTORS TO CONNECT TO SOMETHING GREATER THAN WHAT YOU SEE, TO LEARN WHAT IT IS TO PLANT, AND BE PART OF THE 'AINA. AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING, AND HOPING THAT THE COUNTY WOULD COME UP WITH THEIR PART, WHICH IS TO BRING THE SECOND PART OF THE CONVERSATION. SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE THAT POSSIBLE, AND THANKS SO MUCH. I KNOW I'M OVER TIME. SORRY ABOUT THAT. >> CLAIR, I JUST WANTED TO ASK -- DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? MR.\r\n\r\nKAMANO MENTIONED THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AND ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT NEEDING TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY, AND SOME OTHER THINGS. IS THAT THE PLAN THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT MOVING FORWARD? >> YES, THAT IS PART OF THE PLAN. >> OKAY. >> I WILL CORRECT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT RIGHT-OF-ENTRY. FOR SOME REASON, THE PERSON WHO WAS DOING IT FOR THE COUNTY THOUGHT THAT THREE DAYS WAS ENOUGH FOR A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY FOR US, AND FOR US, YOU KNOW, MS. KAMA IS GOING TO BE FOREVER; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nFOR OUR KUPUNA. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. APANA.\r\n\r\nDO YOU KNOW THE PERSON THAT DID THAT RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AND IF WE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS? >> I'M NOT QUITE SURE I UNDERSTAND. >> STACY CRIVELLO. >> SHE PROBABLY FACILITATED THAT. >> THERE ARE PAST RIGHTS FOR UNDEVELOPED LAND AND ANYWAY, I WOULDN'T TRY TO STOP WALTER KANAMU FROM TAKING CARE OF KUPUNA. SO I THINK -- WHEN WE NEED TO, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE. GO AHEAD.\r\n\r\n>> IF HE WAS THE ONE DOING IT FOR WHAT SHE WAS IN VICTORINO'S? >> YES. >> SO YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH BISSEN YET, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT THE ONES THAT CAN GIVE THAT TO YOU? >> I'M NOT SURE HOW THIS PARTICULAR ADMINISTRATION WORKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CHANCE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT, AND I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS, MS. PALTIN? WHETHER GETTING AND LINE ITEM AND THEN MOVING FORWARD THAT WAY? OR TO ACTUALLY WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT I THINK THAT WITH THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT, THAT WOULD MEAN REALLY A LOT.\r\n\r\n>> AND SO YOU ARE ASKING FOR HOW MUCH? >> WE'RE ASKING FOR \$400,000, AND THAT IS BECAUSE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A COMPREHENSIVE ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY IN THIS AREA, AND THE COUNTY HAS A LOT OF DIFFERENT LANDS, BORDERING THIS, AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN A COMPREHENSIVE ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY, THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ALIVE TODAY, SO SAY WHY THIS PLACE IS IMPORTANT AND WHAT IS THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THESE DUNES? WE HAVE REALLY LOOKED AT THIS, AND HOW TO KIND OF MARRY THE TECHNOLOGY THAT IS AVAILABLE TODAY, TO SHOW WHAT WAS HERE? AND IF YOU READ THE WAILUKU REPORT WRITTEN BY THE FORMER CULTURAL PERSON FOR THE MAYOR, HE TALKS ABOUT THE WATER SYSTEMS THAT RUN BENEATH THE SAND, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN TALKED ABOUT, OR EXPLORED. THERE'S SO MUCH HIDDEN IN WHAT PEOPLE SEE AS A PLACE THAT IS DRY, AND FULL OF SAND. IT IS A TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORY, ETHNOGRAPHIC HISTORY, AS WELL AS BIOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE FORMER DRY LAND FOREST THAT EXISTS RIGHT HERE ONLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ISLAND. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT

ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION.\r\n\r\n>> YEAH, I THINK I WILL TRY TO CALL UP THE DEPARTMENT OF 'OIIWI RESOURCES. I THINK -- ? >> YES, I THINK THAT IS A REALLY GOOD IDEA. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THEM, BUT WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE POINT OF ACTUALLY SAYING CAN WE MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD WITH THE FUNDING, AND GETTING THE SUPPORT OF ADMINISTRATION? SO THAT WE CAN GET A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I WOULD SAY THAT THE VERY FIRST THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE IS BRINGING THE COUNTY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE BURIAL TREATMENT PLAN. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THE RIGHT-OF-ENTRY, OR WATER. >> MEMBER SUGIMURA HAS A QUESTION, CLAIR.\r\n\r\n>> I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING AS MEMBER PALTIN ABOUT THE 'OIIWI GET IN TOUCH WITH THAT DEPARTMENT AND TO GET YOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS REIMBURSED TO YOU IF YOU DID THE WORK AND WAITING FOR THE COUNTY TO REIMBURSE YOU FOR MANY YEARS. >> THANK YOU. >> WELL, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO. I HAVE TURNED IT INTO ABOUT SIX TIMES. SO YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW -- I'M NOT SURE IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS. IT JUST WASN'T IMPORTANT ON THE LIST, I SUPPOSE. >> THANK YOU, CLAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TEM. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS PAUL CROZIER, FOLLOW BY JENN MATHER. >> (SPEAKING HAWAIIAN) THE CONSERVATION DIRECTOR FOR THE WATERSHED, AND HERE HUMBLY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF WE WENT THROUGH A TRANSITION RECENTLY, WHERE PU HUI HU WAS GETTING FUNDING FROM COUNTY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED GRANT FOR THE PAST DECADE OR SO, AND MORE. WE TRANSITIONED FROM ONE NONPROFIT TO A NEW FORM NONPROFIT CALLED ALOHA PU KUI AND MAHALO TO THE PARTIES AND SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, AND DLNR, AND MAUI PINE AND EVERYBODY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SO IT'S A NEW NONPROFIT SOLELY TO TAKE CARE OF PU KUI AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE MONEY GOING TO ADMIN OVERHEAD. THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED SINCE THE FIRE.\r\n\r\n\r\nWE NEED BANDWIDTH, WE NEED CAPACITY AND WE'RE IN SEVERE DROUGHT. SO IN THAT TRANSITION PERIOD, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO APPLY DURING THE RFP PROCESS FOR FY'26 BECAUSE YOU HAD TO BE TIED TO A LONG RANGE OR LONG-RANGE MANAGEMENT WATERSHED PLAN. SO ONCE THE PAPERWORK HAD FOLLOWED THROUGH, WHICH IS NOW COMPLETE AS OF MARCH, THERE'S NO PROJECTED FY'26 FUNDS GOING TO PU KUI WATERSHED. PU KUI WATERSHED IS THE ALL TO HONUAKAI, YOUR MAIN POINT THAT SERVES EVERYBODY TO LAHAINA. THAT IS NOT THE SECTION YOU WANT TO NOT SUPPORT, BECAUSE OF A GLITCH. EVERY HOUSE WE BOTTLE EVERY FIRE HYDRANT WE REINSTALL FOR LAHAINA IS GOING TO NEED WATER IN IT. SO I'M NOT HERE TO HEEHAW AND BRING BLAME, BUT TO BRING TO COUNCIL MEMBERS' ATTENTION IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE COULD FIND FY'26 FOR PUKU'I, THAT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.\r\n\r\n\r\nIF FOR SOME REASON A TECHNICALITY THAT CAN'T HAPPEN, MAYBE WE CAN SUPPORT THE MANA WAI WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP, ALL OF THE LANDOWNERS AROUND THE MOUNTAIN, INCLUDING THE STATE AND COUNTY ARE PART OF THAT WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE IN SEVERE DROUGHT. THIS IS NOT A MOMENT TO CRY WOLF. WE USUALLY AVERAGE 380 INCHES OF RAIN, THE SECOND WETTEST SPOT ON EARTH. LAST YEAR WAS 200. THAT IS TELLING EVERY HOUSE AND HOTEL ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE, TURN YOUR MAIN VALVE OFF IN HALF. WHOA, YET WHEN WE LOOK AT COVID, IT WAS WASH YOUR HANDS MORE 20 SECONDS. WE NEVER WASH OUR HAND 20 SECONDS; RIGHT?\r\n\r\n\r\nWE NEED MORE PEOPLE. WE NEED MORE BUILDING. WATER MORE ROADS AND KEEP THE DUST DONE, USE MORE WATER, BUT WE'RE NOT CATCHING IT. SO WE NEED MORE CAPACITY, MORE BANDWIDTH TO DO THE BEST JOB THAT WE CAN, YOU KNOW? THERE'S ALWAYS A LOT OF CONVERSATION OVER HOW MUCH PEOPLE GET? I'M NOT PART OF THAT CONVERSATION. I'M PART OF THE CONVERSATION OF WE NEED TO CATCH IT FIRST BEFORE EVERYBODY FIGURES OUT WHO GETS WHAT?\r\n\r\n\r\nWE KNOW SURFACE WATER IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE AND THE COUNTY PUT IN NEW WELLS IN KAHANA AND ONLINE SYSTEM IN MAHINAHINA AND DURING TESTIMONY I GOT A TEMPERAMENT SAYING THAT COUNTY WAS NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE WATER THIS EVENING BECAUSE WE'RE FINALLY GETTING RAIN, BUT IT'S TOO MUCH TURBIDITY FOR THE

COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE WATER. WE HAVE TO DO THE BEST JOB WE CAN. SO HERE TO JUST BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION. NOT SURE WHAT WE CAN DO, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO NOT ADDRESS IT, AND SUMMERTIME, OR NEXT YEAR IN 26 WE'RE LOOKING AT HOW COME MAHINI HINI WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS NOT GETTING THE WATER? IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FAIR TO YOU FOLKS IF I DIDN'T COME AND ADDRESS IT. IT WAS NOBODY'S FAULT. IT WAS A GLITCH IN THE TIMING OF PAPER PROCESSING.\r\n\r\nSO MAHALO NUI OKO. >> MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> I KNOW THERE'S A GRANT FOR THE WATERSHED, YOU ARE PART OF THAT? >> CORRECT, BUT USE IT TAKES CARE OF 50,000 ACRES AROUND THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN AND PUKU'I WATERSHED, EVEN THOUGH ALL LANDOWNERS ARE PART OF THE WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP. >> WHAT WAS YOUR FUNDING. >> PREVIOUS TO THE TRANSITION, IT WAS 340 TO 400 DEPENDING ON THE DELIBS FOR FY'25. 26 IS ZERO, WHICH MEANS YOU WILL HAVE A PINK SLIP, NOT ONLY NO WATER, BUT NO WORKERS IN OUR LANDSCAPE AND PIGS YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN. >> IF YOU WERE GOING TO GET THE ALLOCATION IT WOULD BE UNDER THE NAME OF ALOHA PUKU'I. >> CORRECT.\r\n\r\n>> QUESTION M MEMBER COOK? >> THANK YOU, SIR. ARE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY? >> CORRECT. >> ON THAT. SO THEY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL AT ALL? >> EXTREMELY HELPFUL ALL THE WAY FROM THE DIRECTOR TO EVA ROBERT AND EDNA DOING WAS HELPFUL IN THE TRANSITION PROCESS.\r\n\r\nIT WAS JUST A MATTER OF STATE, PRIVATE, COUNTY AND EVERYBODY PROCESSING THE PAPERWORK. >> SO IT'S A COUNTY GRANT YOU HAVE BEEN GETTING PREVIOUSLY. >> CORRECT. USUALLY THERE'S A THREE-YEAR FUNDING APPROVED, AND THEN AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION. I THINK FUNDING STARTED IN 2014. UP UNTIL 2025. SO 26 IS WHERE THERE'S GOING TO BE A GAP. >> HOW MUCH WILL NEED FOR 2026? >> 500,000 WOULD BE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE, BECAUSE WITH THE SEVERE -- COMPANIES GETTING YOUR NORMAL IS NOT GOING TO CUT IT. SO I WOULD SAY FOR FY'26, ABOUT \$500,000 WOULD PROBABLY MEET THE MEANS FOR FY'26. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> HALE. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS JENN MATHER FOLLOWED BY ALANA YURKANIN. >> ALOHA PRO TEMPORE KAMA, MEMBERS AND TESTIFYING ON THREE SPECIFIC PIECES. AS AIM A HOMEOWNER THROUGH THE LAND TRUST, I'M ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF THE NONPROFIT AS WELL NOW. 2026 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND HAS PROPOSED \$3.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE BUILD OUT OF THE 7 LOTS AT MALANI AND GREATLY ADVOCATE FOR THIS AMOUNT OR MORE GIVEN THE VOLATILE MARKET AND INFLATION, THAT WOULD ASSIST MORE 'OHANA LIKE MINE IN THAT IS AFFORDABLE INTO PERPETUITY, WHICH SHOULD BE THE MODEL WE MOVE FORWARDS AS A COUNTY.\r\n\r\n\r\nSECOND, I JUST RETURNED FROM A WEEK OF TRAINING AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR GROWING INTERSECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WHICH MANY OF YOU KNOW WHERE MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS LAY. SO I PULLEY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE ONCE AGAIN LIKE I DID LAST YEAR FOR A CULTURAL LAYER TO BE ADDED AS THE RESPONSIBILITY AS ONE OF THE PERSONNEL TO WITH CULTURAL COLLECTION AND HERITAGE SITES IN KIHEI TO PLAN FOR PROTECTION OF THESE THINGS IN THESE PLACES. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CAUTION THAT WITH THE THREES TO FEMA BY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, THESE LARGE AMOUNTS OF THE BUDGET THAT ARE TIED TO THIS TYPE OF FEDERAL AID MAY FALL BACK INTO THE COUNTY IF THOSE GRANTS GO AWAY BECAUSE WE SAW THE CAUSATION OR THE FREEZING AND REPEALING OF BRICK MONEY, WHICH SETS A PRECEDENT TO ALL OTHER FEMA AID; RIGHT? AND THEN TIED INTO THIS ONE THING THAT I ACTUALLY TESTIFIED ABOUT AT THE MAYOR'S BUDGET MEETING WAS THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR MATERIAL CULTURE OF MAUI MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE MATERIAL CULTURE AND OBJECTS THAT WE SEE COMING OUT OF THE FIRE ACTED AREAS BUT ALSO BECAUSE AS AUNTIE CLAIR ALLUDED TO THAT WE HAVE HAD GROUND DISTURBING DEVELOPMENT OCCURRING IN THIS COUNTY FOR LIKE CENTURIES AND SOME OF THAT FEDERAL IS SITTING IN UNKNOWN STORAGE FACILITIES OR CLOSETS OR CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FIRMS. SO BY CREATING A PERMANENT REPOSITORY WE HAVE A CENTRALIZED WAY TO CLERK AND TRACK AND CATALOG AND

ACCESS AND RESEARCH THIS KIND OF MATERIAL TO KIND OF BETTER UNDERSTAND AND STEWARD THE HISTORY OF OUR AYNA. SO I BELIEVE GOAL 2 FOR THE OF 'OIIWI RESOURCES PROPOSED BUDGET SPEAKS TO BOTH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SPACE, OTHER MUNICIPALITIES COUNTIES AND EVEN STATES HAVE THAT TYPE OF REPOSITORY. AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD, TOO.

SO IT MIGHT EVEN LEAD TO LIKE A COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE. SO HIGH TIME THAT WE HAVE THAT HERE. SO MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. >> QUESTIONS? >> I WAS WONDERING IF MS. MATHER KNOWS HOW MUCH A CULTURAL REPOSITORY COSTS? >> UPWARDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT CAN HOUSE THE AMOUNT OF CULTURAL MATERIAL THAT IS PROBABLY SITTING IN CLOSETS AND STORAGE FACILITIES.

IF THE OFFICE OF 'OIIWI RESOURCES IS STARTING WITH A TEMPORARY PLACE THAT COULD BE AN OFFICE SOMEWHERE IN THEIR EXISTING FOOTPRINT, PROBABLY NOT HAD A MUCH. IT'S NOT REALLY THE REPOSITORY THAT COMES WITH A LOT OF MONEY AS WELL, BUT THE STAFF BECAUSE YOU NEED A AN ARCHIVIST AND COLLECTIONS AND CURATOR AND DO YOU WANT ME TO COME UP WITH A ACTUAL BUDGET, BECAUSE I CAN. >> I THINK 'OIIWI RESOURCES MIGHT HAVE SOME OPENINGS TOO. >> YES, THEY TRIED. MAHALO. >> THEY WILL KEEP TRYING. >> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ALANA YURKANIN, FOLLOWED BY JEREMY ELLIOT INGEL. >> SHE IS ONLINE. >> ALANA, YURKANIN. >> HI. THANK YOU. ALOHA, MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL, CHAIR AND MEMBERS. MAHALO FOR YOUR ENERGY AND ATTENTION.

IT'S BEEN INSPIRING SITTING THROUGH TONIGHT. MY NAME IS ALANA YURKANIN AND TESTIFYING ON BEHALF ON THE NATURE CONSERVANCY HAWAI'I CHAPTER REQUIRING A LINE ITEM FOR THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR \$100,000. I GREW UP WITH WAIKAPU AND FELL IN LOVE WITH THE OCEAN AT KELIA POND THE MUD FLATS AND TIDE POOLS THERE AND NOW 30 SOMETHING YEARS LATER I GET TO BE PART OF OCEAN WATER QUALITY MONITORING AT KALA'E POND AND I HAVE LEARNED THANKS TO THE WETLAND HAS SOME OF THE LOWEST NITRATE AND TURBIDITY MEASURES IN LEEWARD MAUI. SO IT WAS LOW NUTRIENTS AND CLEAR WATER AND THAT IS AWESOME. SO I HAVE LEARNED THIS THROUGH MY ROLE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, ONE OF THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE HUI MEASURING OCEAN WATER QUALITY AT 40 SITES EVERY THREE WEEKS SINCE 2016. THIS IS IN LARGE THANKS TO INCREDIBLY DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF. THE HUI'S APPROACH TO DATA COLLECTION IS TO COLLECT SLOW DATA TO REVEAL LONG-TERM TRENDS AND HOTSPOTS AND SOURCES OF POLLUTION. SO THE TREND IS THE MAJORITY OF SITES MEASURED IN LEEWARD MAUI ARE EXCEEDING THE STATE STANDARD FOR NUTRIENTS, AND TURBIDITY. SPECIFICALLY IN WORSENING IN NORTH AND CENTRAL KIHEI.

SO THE DATA PROVIDED BY US PROVIDES A BASE LINE AND MEASURES CHANGE OVER TIME AND IDENTIFYING ISSUES AND ULTIMATELY HELPING TO PROTECT THE OCEAN AND HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND 'AINA AND KAI. IT'S THE ONLY CULTURAL MONITORING GROUP ON MAUI PRODUCING A QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN APPROVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND RIGOROUSLY TRAINED TO TRAINED TO COLLECT SAMPLES AND PROCESS DATA TO SUPPLEMENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EFFORTS. WHAT IS BEAUTIFUL THIS IS ALL DATA FREELY AND JOYFULLY SHARED ON THEIR WEBSITE, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTING AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE DATA. THESE RESOURCES ARE REGULARLY USED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, RESEARCHERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. HOWEVER, FALLING THE COMPLETION OF A PRIOR FEDERAL GRANT, THE HUI HAS BEEN ACTIVELY SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT, BUT WITH LITTLE RESULTS. THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI WOULD VERY GREATLY HELP THEM CONTINUE THEIR WATER QUALITY MONITORING AS YOU ALL KNOW, AS WE ALL KNOW, WATER IS LIFE. THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER IMPACTS THE QUALITY OF OUR LIFE.

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING A PROVISIO TO ENSURE THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THIS COALITION CAN CONTINUE TO MARCH, INFORM MANAGEMENT AND PROTECT MAUI NUI'S COASTAL WATER QUALITY. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS ANY QUESTIONS? >> SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> YES. THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JEREMY ELLIOT INGEL TO BE FOLLOWED BY JACKIE TAK KOREA. >> ELLIOT INGEL, ADEAN WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT

MANOA'S COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AG AND NOTE THAT NAME DID CHANGE.\r\n\r\nCHAIR,
VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THANK SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OF THE MAUI COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, AND THE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM FOR FY'26 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES OF \$150,000 CTAHR GREATLY
APPRECIATES THE MANY YEARS' OF ADVOCACY FROM THE MAUI COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND
STAKEHOLDERS AND CONTINUED BUDGETARY SUPPORT FROM YOU THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR OUR
EFFORTS AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO ADDRESS LOCAL CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, 4H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS THROUGH
OUR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND MAUI NUI IS FIVE CTAHR AG RESEARCH EXTENSION STATIONS.
IN YOUR BUDGET, CTAHR DOES REQUEST AND CORRECT THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO HUMAN
RESILIENCE. THE RENAMING THE COLLEGE WAS APPROVED IN OCTOBER 2024, TO BETTER ALIGN
CTAHR'S NAME TO ITS LAND GRANT MISSION OF IMPROVING THE HUMAN CONDITION, AND HUMAN
USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION. THE
VISION OF CTAHR IS AN EDUCATED COMMUNITY, HEALTHY POPULATION AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD
SYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENT, THAT STRENGTHENS THE WELL-BEING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I. CTAHR HAS MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO INVEST IN FACULTY AND STAFF
FOR MAUI COUNTY WHICH INCLUDES OFFICES ON MOLOKA'I, AND ALSO PROVIDES SERVICE AND
EDUCATION TO LANA'I. WITH THE RECRUITMENT, THE INVESTMENT IS THE RECRUITMENT OF FIVE
EXTENSION AGENTS OF WHICH TWO POSITIONS ARE BRAND-NEW CTAHR IS RECRUITING A NEW MAUI
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO WILL START IN MID-MAY, PENDING THE HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF
REGENTS APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY FUNDS OF \$150,000 FOR FY'26 IS TO SUPPORT
RESEARCH PROJECTS THAT CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY ACROSS MAUI
COUNTY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FARMING COMMUNITY. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS. >>
MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS? MR.\r\n\r\nJOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THAT
TESTIMONY. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO LEARN THAT YOU GUYS ARE EXPANDING, BECAUSE THE
COUNTY HAS EXPANDED WITH THE NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AG. SO IT'S GREAT TO HEAR THE
SYNERGY GOING ON. ARE YOU STILL DOING SEED BANKING, AND DO YOU HAVE SEEDS? >> WE
STILL DO HAVE SEEDS AND OUR SEED CLUB HAS GONE THROUGH SOME RE-ENVISIONING, I WOULD
SAY.\r\n\r\nSO WE FINALLY INVESTED THE CAPACITY TO GROW OUR SEEDS TO BE ABLE TO
DISTRIBUTE. >> I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MAUI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUT AS A FARMER, I
WOULD LOVE TO SEE OUR DEPARTMENT WORK WITH YOU GUYS TO EXPAND THE SEED BANK. SO I
LOOK FORWARD TO ANYTHING IN THAT LEVEL. IT'S FARMERS ALWAYS TALK TO ME AND CTAHR
RUNS OUT OF SEEDS QUITE OFTEN AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW. >> RIGHT. >> MAYBE WE COULD HELP
ON THAT. >> AWESOME.\r\n\r\nTHANKS. >> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE,
THANK SO MUCH. >> THANKS, HAVE A GREAT EVENING. >> YOU ALSO. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER
IS JACKIE TAK ORA, FOLLOW BY LUCIENNE DE NAIE. >> ALOHA, AND GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL
MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS JACKIE TAK KOREA AND HERE ON MY OWN ACCORD. I KNOW IT'S A
LEAN YEAR WITH LOTS OF NEED AND LOTS OF UNCERTAINTY, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK ANYWAY. AS
PROPER PROBABLY AWARE THE MAK MID-ATLANTIC SALARY COMMISSION RECENTLY RECEIVED
CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY WHY ARE FOR DIRECTORS AND DEPUTIES CONDUCTED BY
CONSULTANT MGT. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR THE FUNDING FOR THE SAME STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED
FOR BARGAINING UNITS 3 AND 4, AND 13 POSITIONS IDEALLY THIS STUDY WOULD BE CONDUCTED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES. IF YOU REFER TO PAGE 625 OF THE MAYOR'S
PROPOSED BUDGET SERVICE PROVIDED BY DSPS INCLUDE MAINTAIN A STANDARDIZED EQUITABLE
CLASSIFICATION PLAN THAT SUPPORTS EMPLOYEE CAREER DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDES AND MONITORS
A COMPETITIVE AND EQUITABLE COMPENSATION STATE YOUR NAME WITHIN STATUTORY AND
NEGOTIATED FRAMEWORK TO ENABLE THE COUNTY TO HIRE AND RETAIN QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES.
KEY WORDS HERE ARE PROVIDES AND MONITORS A COMPETITIVE AND EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

SYSTEM. I ASK THAT DSPS BE GIVEN FUNDING FOR THAT SERVICE TO HIRE MGT CONSULTANTS TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH THAT STUDY TO APPLY TO STAFF POSITIONS.\r\n\r\nIF THAT IS NOT FEASIBLE, AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING WHERE I WORK TO CONDUCT THE STUDY FOR ITS BARGAINING UNIT 3, 4 AND 13 POSITIONS THE AS STATED IN THE STUDY FOR DIRECTORS AND DEPUTIES. THE PURPOSE OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION IS TWO FOLD. FIRST ITES ESTABLISHES INTERNAL EQUITY AND RANKING AMONG EMPLOYEES ACROSS DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY. SECOND AND THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT, IT ASSURES EXTERNAL EQUITY AND COMPETITIVENESS BY COMPARING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OF MAUI EMPLOYEES AGAINST MARKET DATA. THE MGT STUDY ALREADY SET UP FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS. THAT THE NEXT TEP WOULD BE TO APPLY THOSE PARAMETERS TO STAFF POSITIONS I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ENGINEERS WAS RECENTLY INCREASED. OTHER POSITIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED, TOO, AND INCREASED AS APPROPRIATE.\r\n\r\nTHE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FILL POSITIONS IF SALARIES ARE NOT COMPETITIVE AND LE WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE BRIGHT YOUNG LOCAL PEOPLE TO MAINLAND JOBS. WITH THIS IN MIND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST FUNDING FOR COUNTY EITHER DPS OR TO THE DETERRENT OF PLANNING TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO CLASSIFY AND COMPENSATE STAFF POSITIONS COMPETITIVELY AND EQUITABLY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, JACK, VERY RELATIVE. CAN YOU GIVE US THE TESTIMONY. >> YES, I WILL EMAIL THAT. YES, I WILL.\r\n\r\n>> THE MANAGEMENT HAS PROVIDED, I THINK, TO HAVE PERSONNEL 300,000, I THINK IT WAS FOR THE STUDY THAT IS TO REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. >> WHICH IS NOT WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT. >> I DON'T KNOW IF MGT IS THE RIGHT ORGANIZATION, BUT THAT IS THE ONE THAT DID THE STUDY FOR THE GROUP THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT. >> YES. >> COULD YOU PLEASE SUBMIT YOURS. >> I WILL DO THAT. >> MICE SEEING YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU FOR A LONG NIGHT. >> DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT WITH COST TO DO THE STUD WHY ARE FOR UNITS 3, 4 AND 13. >> DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT A DOZEN STAFF POSITION TYPES, LIKE PLANNER GIS AND SO FORTH. FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT IT WOULD BE MUCH SMALLER. MAYBE I REALLY DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE COST OF THAT MGT STUDY. BUT BECAUSE IT'S SO SMALL, I WOULD JUST BALLPARK \$100,000 MAYBE BETWEEN THE RANGE OF \$300,000 TO 400,000. WE DON'T NEED TO DO THE ENGINEERS BECAUSE THEY ALREADY DONE SO YEAH, WHICH WE COULDN'T HAVE ANYWAY. THANK YOU. >> MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. TSUHAKE, WE'RE MOSTLY TALKING ABOUT FOR A SUPPLEMENT, YEAH? IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ROUTE, I GUESS WE FIGURED OUT THAT WE'RE JUST ONE VOTE COMPARED TO LIKE SIX VOTES AT THE STATE-LEVEL. I MEAN, I THINK THE NEGOTIATORS COULD USE THE STUDY TO GO IN THERE, BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH FAITH IN THE STATE AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL ROUTE I THINK IS WHAT THE ENGINEERS GOT AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT DOING IT FOR EMS, WHICH IS THAT 13 >> SO IN RESPONSE TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER IT'S IN THE SALARY SCHEDULES IN THE UNION CONTRACTS YOU ARE CORRECT ITS HAS TO BE THE STATE AND ALL THE COUNTIES THAT AGREE. AT LEAST YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION AND STUDY THAT CAN SAY THIS IS WHAT THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT WOULD BE AT LEAST FOR THIS COUNTY. IT MAY END UP LIKE YOU ARE SAYING IT WOULD BE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT, OR SOME SORT OF MEMORANDUM WITH THE UNION JUST FOR MAUI.\r\n\r\nEITHER WAY, IF WE HAVE THE NUMBERS THAT SAY YES THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT, THAT IS THE STARTING POINT. MAYBE THE PAY IS RIGHT -- I DON'T KNOW. BUT AT LEAST YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO HANG YOUR HAT ON A SAY, YES THIS IS WHAT IT SHOULD BE AND MAY CONVINCHE THE STATE TO SAY, YES IT IS. >> WE SHOULD PROBABLY USE THE SAME STUDY, BECAUSE IT'S THE SAME COUNTY. THE QUESTION, DO THEY DO CIVIL SERVICE, OR WHY WOULDN'T WE USE THE SAME PEOPLE THAT DID THE FIRST STUDY? >> MY THOUGHT WAS THAT MGT WOULD BE IDEAL BECAUSE THEY ALREADY LOOKED AT MAUI COUNTY AND FIGURED OUT A SIMILAR PLACES ON THE MAINLAND THEY WERE COMPARING THOSE PAY SALARIES TO. SO JUST TAKE IT TO NEXT LEVEL AND LOOK AT STAFF POSITIONS IN

JURISDICTIONS COMPARED TO OURS HERE THAT ARE COMPETITIVE.\r\n\r\nTHEN YOU ASKED ABOUT EMS, EXCLUDED MANAGERIAL. THE HGEA POSITIONS 3, 4 AND 13. EXCLUDED MANAGERIAL IS DIFFERENT, THEY CAN BE VOLUNTARY MEMBERS OF HGEA, BUT THEY TYPICALLY FOLLOW BARGAINING UNIT 13 PAY SCALES JUST THE CALCULATIONS I BELIEVE ARE BASED ON BARGAINING UNIT 13 SALARIES. SO EMS ARE SEPARATE. >> WHEN YOU WERE ASKING FOR IT, YOU WERE ASKING FOR IT DEPARTMENT-SPECIFIC, LIKE NOT ACROSS THE BOARD WITHIN THE COUNTY UNIT 3, 4 AND 13? >> MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE A COUNTYWIDE STUDY, BUT IF DPS CAN'T DO IT, I KNOW THEY HAVE A LOT ON THEIR PLATE BUT PLANNING DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO GO FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUT THE COUNTY IS REALLY WHAT WE NEED. >> OH, ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT, BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAVE SOME MONEY IN THERE TOO, BECAUSE THAT IS FOR RULE AND REGS. ISN'T IT THE MANAGEMENT THAT ISN'T MANAGEMENT THE ONE THAT HAS THE RELATIONSHIP WITH MGT? >> YOU MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT?\r\n\r\nYES. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS STUDY EVEN EXISTED UNTIL NOW. IF I HAD KNOWN THAT, I WOULD ASK ASKED AT THE MAYOR'S HEARINGS. SO SORRY, THIS IS KIND OF LATE AND I KNOW EVERYBODY HAS THEIR NUMBERS IN. WE KEEP LOSING STAFF AND IT BREAKS MY HEART WE HAVE THESE GREAT PEOPLE THAT COME AND THEY ARE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BODY AND GO TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODY BECAUSE THEY CAN PAY MORE. >> I DON'T KNOW IF THE STUDY WOULD HAPPEN, BUT I PUT IN MY PRIORITIES JUST MONEY FOR THE SUPPLEMENT UNTIL I GUESS WE CAN DO THE STUDY. >> YES.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> MAYBE THEY CAN WITH CARRY-OVER SAVINGS. >> WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP OUR EMPLOYEES EARN WAGES SO THEY CAN STAY HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, JACKIE. >> GOOD NIGHT.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD NIGHT. THE CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO TESTIFIERS LEFT. LUCIENNE DE NAIE. YOU'RE MUTED. >> WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU, MS. DE NAIE. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT TESTIFIER AND PLEASE CORRECT MY PRONUNCIATION.\r\n\r\n>> HI COUNCIL, TALKING TONIGHT, I AM A TENANT AT HARBOR LIGHTS WITHOUT THE SAFETY OF LONG-TERM LEASE, LIKE THOUSANDS ON THE ISLAND HERE, STARING DOWN SOME SCARY BARRELS, NOT JUST PERSONALLY, BUT COLLECTIVELY. AS PREVIOUS TESTIFIER JORDAN HOCKER RELATED IT'S MY WORK TONIGHT. THERE'S A DIRE SHORTAGE OF NEED. SO IN THIS BUDGET WE'RE ASKING FOR CONTINUATION OF WHAT IS ALREADY ALLOCATED. AND IN YOUR ADDITIONAL CAPACITIES, TRY TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO ACCESS TO THE PALTRY AMOUNTS THAT ARE THERE. SO FAMILIES CAN STOP BLEEDING OUT. LITERALLY WE'RE LOSING BLOOD LINES HERE, AND OTHER TESTIFIERS FROM OTHER ORGS SPOKE TO THE VARIOUS MENTAL HEALTH, AND FAMILY RELATIONS NEEDS, IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE CAUSE, WHICH IS THE NEEDS, THE UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED NEED FOR HOUSING, AT LEAST DECLARED, BUT AS BUDGETS REFLECT VALUES, WE CAN SEE THE TENANTS, WHICH INCLUDES THE HOUSELESS, THE INCARCERATED, PEOPLE IN FACILITIES, AREN'T VALUED.\r\n\r\nI STILL HAVE CHARGE. LONG NIGHT, SO I THOUGHT I WOULD LOSE IT. IF WE'RE LOOKING AT BUDGET SHORTFALLS, ONE AREA WE COULD LOOK TO GET MORE BUDGET WOULD BE PROPERTY TAXES, MAUI IS VERY LOW COMPARED TO OTHER PLACES. SO THERE'S NOT -- YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID IF WE RAISE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OWNERS ARE GOING TO LEAVE. \$2 MILLION NON-OCCUPIED PLACES YOU CAN RAISE THAT RATE CONSIDERABLY AND JUST SPIT BALLING HERE, LEVEL FOR A HIGHER RATE NOT THAT I CONSIDER THAT WE NEED THE WEALTHY TO ADDRESS OUR PROBLEMS. BUT YOU KNOW, IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THEM, LET'S AT LEAST IN THE MEANTIME TAX THEM. YEP.\r\n\r\nAND TAXING IS A GOOD WAY TO GET RID OF THEM, TOO. THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? NONE? THANK YOU SO MUCH. CLERK. >> WE'LL GO BACK TO LUCIENNE DE NAIE, YOU ARE UNMUTED ON MY END.\r\n\r\n>> I'M UNMUTED ON MY END TOO AND HOPEFULLY EVERYBODY CAN EASY HEAR ME. VERY GOOD. MAHALO FOR SITTING THROUGH, OH, MY GOSH, IT'S A MARATHON THIS WHOLE PROCESS, AND YOU ARE ONLY AT THING I'M TESTIFYING WITH A DIFFERENT HAT ON REPRESENTING SIERRA CLUB MAUI GROUP, AND WOULD JUST LIKE TO GIVE OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE, MAHALO, MAHALO, AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT THAT YOU ARE GIVING TO YOUR YOUTH CENTERS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS LIKE WE

HEARD FROM STEM AND THE MEO HEAD START. THESE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR WELL-BEING, AND ALSO FOR OUR GREEN PROGRAMS LIKE THE WATERSHED PARTNERSHIPS, AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS. EACH ONE OF THESE IS COMPLETELY ESSENTIAL. THE WAI'OLI PROJECT THAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, FUNDING FOR THAT MASTER PLAN VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT IT BECAME A PRIORITY. THIS IS OUR SACRED CENTER.\r\n\r\nWETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAMS, THESE ARE AMAZING. WE OFFERED A SIERRA CLUB TOUR LAST JANUARY OF FOUR OF THESE DIFFERENT PROJECTS THAT YOU FUND, AND OH, MY GOSH, WHO KNEW THAT WE HAD THESE PLACES THAT ARE COMING BACK TO LIFE? YOU CAN GO ON A TOUR OF ANY ONE OF THEM, I THINK IT GIVES YOU A LITTLE HOPE IN THESE DAYS WHEN THINGS CAN LOOK KIND OF HOPEFUL. CLEAN-UP EFFORTS COUNTYWIDE, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS LANA'I, MOLOKA'I, WEST MAUI AND HANA, WHERE LANDFILL OPTIONS ARE SO LIMITED AND SO IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT AND MAUI NUI MARINE RESOURCE COUNCIL AND THE TESTING PROGRAM, THEY ARE THERE AND THE RESULTS ARE SO EASY TO UNDERSTAND, AND SO EASY TO ACCESS. IT'S REALLY, REALLY A SERVICE AND VERY, VERY LOW PRICE, BECAUSE A LOT OF WHAT YOU ARE FUNDING GOES TO THE UH LAB, WHICH HELPS OUR UH MAUI LAB STAY IN BUSINESS, TOO. SO IT'S A CIRCULAR ECONOMY. AND REALLY APPRECIATE THESE BIG INVESTMENTS IN GREENER INFRASTRUCTURE, THE WASTEWATER PLANT IS GOING TO SERVE OUR BUSIEST SMALL BOAT HARBOR, OUR NO.\r\n\r\n1 VISITOR ATTRACTION WITH THE MAUI OCEAN CENTER AND ASSOCIATED SHOP AND HELP US CLEAN UP THE BAY. WE ALL KNOW IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST UNSUITED AREAS IN WEST MAUI AND SO SURPRISED AND HAPPY TO SEE THERE'S GOING TO BE A PLAN TO CONVERT THAT. THE WEST MAUI WASTEWATER SYSTEM EXPANSION IS TO GET MORE PRECIOUS WATER THAT COULD BE USED FOR NON-POTABLE PURPOSES R-1 WATER FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDSCAPE OR NON-POTABLE PURPOSE AND FREE UP THE GOOD CLEAN POTABLE WATER IS USED TO WATER LANDSCAPE AT A NUMBER OF RESORTS ON THE WEST SIDE. WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE THAT TRANSITION. MAHALO FOR ALL OF THESE THINGS AND OF COURSE, OUR UP COUNTRY RESERVOIR EXPANSION, FIRST MAJOR STORAGE EXPANSION UP COUNTRY IN 40 YEARS. SO IT'S AN HISTORIC BUDGET. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU THAT DO LUCIENNE, WE APPRECIATE YOU LIKEWISE. >> WE HAVE ANOTHER TESTIFIER SIGNED UP TOM CROLY. >> MR. CROLY. >> ALOHA, CHAIR. ALOHA COUNCIL.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW, I'M WITH YOU ALL NIGHT AND I'M NOT GOING TO TESTIFY, BUT JUST SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO. I DID EMAIL MY TESTIMONY TO EACH OF YOU, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE REPORT THAT YOU GOT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX, AND I WILL ASK YOU TO LOOK AT IT THIS WEEKEND, AND I WILL BE HERE ON MONDAY BRIGHT AND EARLY, YOU CAN ASK ME QUESTIONS ABOUT MY TESTIMONY THEN. IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE A NICE HOLIDAY WEEKEND AND HAPPY EASTER, AND JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, I'M STILL HERE WITH YOU, OKAY? [LAUGHTER]. >> THANK YOU, ALOHA. >> THANK YOU, WE APPRECIATE THAT. BLESSING TO YOU, TOO, TOM. >> CHAIR, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY.\r\n\r\nSO IF ANYONE WISHES TO TESTIFY, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN BY RAISING YOUR HAND IN TEAM OR MAKING YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM. CHAIR, SEEING NO ONE INDICATING THEY WISH TO TESTIFY, WE'LL COUNTDOWN, 3, 2, 1. THERE IS NO ONE TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS, IF THIS ARE NO OBJECTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPT WRITTEN TESTIMONY INTO THE RECORD. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. THERE IS NOW NO FURTHER BUSINESS.\r\n\r\nIT IS NOW 9:29 P.M. AND THIS MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]