

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY, AGRICULTURE, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

October 4, 2013

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee, having met on September 17, 2013, makes reference to County Communication 13-277, from the Director of Public Works, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE PROPOSED NAHIKU COMMUNITY CENTER IN NAHIKU THE DAVID KANALOA KAHO'OKELE JR. NAHIKU COMMUNITY CENTER".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to pay tribute to David Kanaloa Kaho'okele Jr., by naming the proposed Nahiku Community Center after him.

Your Committee notes Section 2.38.070, Maui County Code, establishes the standards and procedures for naming parks and facilities. Specifically, Section 2.38.070(C), states that a person's name may be used in connection with a facility where the person has a significant association with the facility, has contributed significantly to programs in the region in which the facility is located, or has achieved significant recognition on the County, State, national, or international level for contributions to the region or the facility.

Mapu Kekahuna, David Kanaloa Kaho'okele Jr.'s great grandson and Vice-Chair of the Nahiku Community Association, testified in support of naming the community center in honor of his great grandfather.

According to Mr. Kekahuna, David Kanaloa Kaho'okele Jr. was born into the Kingdom of Hawaii on March 31, 1890, in Lower Nahiku. He died on January 1, 1972, in Wailuku. Mr. Kaho'okele's father was the owner of the property where the Nahiku Community Center is located. The first Department of Education school was built on the property in the late 1800s, where it operated until its closure in the late 1950s. A fire destroyed the school building in 2005. The Kaho'okele family has worked hard to secure funding for the construction of the Nahiku Community Center on the property.

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Mr. Kekahuna informed your Committee that Mr. Kaho`okele was a master practitioner of Hawaiian canoe construction and a leading authority on ancient Hawaiian arts. He donated his time and expertise to perpetuate the knowledge of indigenous Hawaiian culture. He was an active participant in public affairs, and an advocate of educational and civic causes.

The Deputy Director of Public Works expressed support for the proposed bill. She informed your Committee the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities recommended approval of the naming of the Nahiku Community Center after David Kanaloa Kaho`okele Jr. at its June 13, 2013, meeting. All of the testimony received by the Commission was in support of the proposal.

Your Committee notes on March 30, 2013, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Nahiku Community Center site. At the ceremony, local residents expressed their support for naming the community center in honor of David Kanaloa Kaho`okele Jr.

Your Committee felt it was appropriate to name the Nahiku Community Center after a man who made such great impacts on the Nahiku community.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication. Committee Chair Guzman, Vice-Chair Carroll, and members Baisa, Cochran, Crivello, and Victorino voted "aye". Committee member White was excused.

Your Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill _____ (2013), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE PROPOSED NAHIKU COMMUNITY CENTER IN NAHIKU THE DAVID KANALOA KAHO`OKELE JR. NAHIKU COMMUNITY CENTER", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication 13-277 be FILED.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



DON S. GUZMAN, Chair

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. _____ (2013)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE PROPOSED NAHIKU COMMUNITY CENTER IN NAHIKU THE DAVID KANALOA KAHO'OKELE JR. NAHIKU COMMUNITY CENTER

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

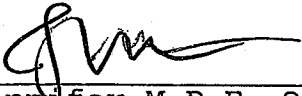
SECTION 1. Chapter 12.40, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new section to be designated and to read as follows:

"12.40.240 David Kanaloa Kaho'okele Jr. Nahiku Community Center. David Kanaloa Kaho'okele Jr. Nahiku Community Center shall refer to the area formerly known as the proposed Nahiku Community Center, located at 0 Nahiku Road, Nahiku, Maui, Hawaii."

SECTION 2. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



Jennifer M.P.E. Oana
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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