

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Kalaniana'ole Hall, Molokai

CONVENE: 6:14 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Mike White, Chair
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member

STAFF: Scott Jensen, Legislative Analyst
Kit Zulueta, Legislative Analyst
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary
Raynette Yap, Committee Secretary

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office

OTHERS: Gladys Brown
Ben Aquino, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Rental Assistance)
Juan Trinidad
Jennifer Brown (on behalf of Carolyn Havens), Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
(Transportation)
Jennifer Carver, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Sharon Newcombe, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Jennifer Brown, AmeriCorps VISTA, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Sarah Jenkins, Maui Economic Development Board and Maui Economic Opportunity,
Inc. (Transportation)
Lily Jenkins, Maui Economic Development Board and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
(Transportation)
Erik David Svetin, Maui Economic Development Board and Maui Economic
Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Heidi Jenkins, Canoe Complex Area STEM Resource Teacher, Maui Economic
Development Board and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Edwin Mendija, Maui Economic Development Board
DarLynne Mollena, Program Director, Molokai Youth Center

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Torae Kaawauhau-Puaa, Molokai Youth Center
Keahi DeCosta, Molokai Youth Center
Marjorie Agcaoili, Molokai Youth Center
Ilya Ogden, Molokai Youth Center
Justin Agcaoili, Molokai Youth Center
Kiani Ocampo, Molokai Youth Center
Alii Kaholokula, Youth Specialist, Molokai Youth Center
Judy Caparida, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Ziana Kaulia-Pelland (on behalf of Clarence Kahilihiwa), Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa
Rodney Rodrigues, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Head Start Preschool)
Emillia Noordhoek, Executive Director, Sustainable Molokai
Harmonee Williams, Sustainable Molokai
Wanette K. Lee, Program Director, Hale Hoomalu
Sharon Samonte, Relief Advocate, Hale Hoomalu
Artice Swingle, Sustainable Molokai and Kuhao Business Center
John Wordin, SCORE Volunteer, Kuhao Business Center
Charlotte Seales, Board Member, Molokai Occupational Center
David Kangas, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Rental Assistance and Transportation)
Desiree Puhi, Executive Director, Molokai Community Health Center
Mathew Goodrich, Vice Chair, Molokai Humane Society
Kaeo Kawaa, Kumu, Ke Alahele, Maui Economic Development Board, and Maui
Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Kahoiwai Kawaa, Kumu, Ke Alahele, Maui Economic Development Board, and Maui
Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Gary Davidson, Principal, Molokai Middle School
Robert Stephenson, President, Molokai Chamber of Commerce; Maui Economic
Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation); and Mokulele Airlines Representative
Edwin T. Misaki, Coordinator, East Molokai Watershed Partnership; and Director of
Molokai Program, The Nature Conservancy
Lori Buchanan, Coordinator, Molokai Subcommittee of the Maui Invasive Species
Committee (MoMISC)
Timmy Leong, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa
Lynda Dudoit, Advocate, Hale Hoomalu
Cheryl Corbiell
Greg Jenkins, Fire Fighter, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Kekoa Puhi, Captain, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Jason Gamiao, Fire Fighter, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Henry Lindo, Jr., Captain, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Shari Lynn, Executive Director, Ka Hale Pomaikai
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Pancho Alcon, Molokai Police Commissioner, Molokai Police Department
Lyndon Dela Cruz, Board President, Molokai Humane Society

Carolyn Havens, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)
Sonya Yuen, Halau Hula O Molokai
Stewart Morgan, Veterinarian, Molokai Human Society
Penny Martin, Hale Hoomalu
Others (12)

ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (CC 14-31)

CHAIR WHITE: ...*(gavel)*...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: How was that? Aloha.

AUDIENCE: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Mahalo. Mahalo for being here this evening to participate in a process that is very important for all of our islands; and, of course, I will say more important for us here on Molokai. So I thank you and I especially want to thank my colleagues for taking the time to come here, and we're here to listen to you as to what our needs are. And we have many wants, but we have to look at our needs for our island and go get 'em. No hila hila, no shame ask, okay, so, and then we'll do the deliberations. At this time, I'd like to introduce my colleagues. The sole woman beside me is from the West Maui side of Lahaina, Elle Cochran, Councilmember Elle Cochran. And then my buddy here from Kihei, Mr. Donald Couch. And the guy on the end, you know, I gotta thank him for being here. He represents us on national level and on the state level, and so he's like a jetsetter. And he traveled...just came in from his trip somewhere on the Mainland. And Molokai means a lot to him. So Mr. Mike Victorino, Council member from the Wailuku side. This guy and I started the same time; so, you know, we're way ahead of them. Council member from Kahului, Mr. Don Guzman. And, at this time, I'd like to turn the mic and everything else over to our Budget Chair. He's the guy who makes

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sure that we'll have the dollars there so that we can come back year after year, and it's a tough job. And, at this time, I'd like to say, thank you. And our Chair, Mr. Mike White from the Makawao side.

CHAIR WHITE: Stacy gives me way too much credit. You have a wonderful, Hawaiian warrior working for you in the Council. I'm sure you all know Stacy very well, and we love working with her: straight shooter and very sharp. So without too much ado, we'll get right into the testimony. It's so nice to be back here on Molokai, and I'm sure I can speak on the others' behalf, it's always nice to come to our rural communities and get back in touch with all of you here and it's nice to get out of Wailuku for a little while. So with that, as you all probably recall, we start with giving the youngest and the most elderly the ability to go first since they generally have to get home a little earlier than the rest of us do. So, tonight, it looks like about...we've got it split about half-half, and so we will start off with our first testifier, Gladys Brown.

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

MS. BROWN: I'm not the youngest, I'm the...thank you very much. Thank you for bringing my things to the fort first, Mike, I appreciate that so much.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, you were here first.

MS. BROWN: And all my friends here that have gathered, they're all members of the community and they have done so much for our island. I'm not here tonight to change your budget, I'm here to congratulate you, because I think all of you have done a very good job in putting it together and I think that we are gonna be very satisfied with it. So I'm not here to say, "no", I'm here to say, "yes". And then I want you to appreciate all the people. Each one of the people in the audience today have done something to make Molokai greater. Will you all stand up, please? They all have done so much to help our community. If you were to ask each one of them, they could tell you the millions of things that they do here on Molokai. And then I asked the editor of *The Molokai Dispatch* to be here. Catherine, are you here? Oh here she is. Catherine, would you stand up? You know, Catherine has done so much to help publicize everything we do on Molokai so it makes it easier for you, as Council members, to know what's going on over here. She puts the paper out once a week, and it tells you everything that goes on on Molokai, so I want to thank Catherine. Would you give her a hand, please? And then I want you to take some thanks for all the things that you do for us kupunas. You know, all of us have done much more in the community because we have help from the County. All the money that you give to the Kaunoa Center and other places have done a lot of good for all of us kupunas to lead a better life, and I want to thank you again for that. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Gladys. And thank you...can you hear me alright in the back or do we need to...is that...turn it up or thumbs up? Okay. Good. Well thank you, Gladys, for starting us off with a pep rally and the exercise program. Our next testifier is Ben Aquino, followed by Juan Trinidad.

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MR. AQUINO: Hi there.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MR. AQUINO: I'm here for MEO, because they help us with the rental assistance. And if they didn't help us, we'd still be homeless in the car, sleeping at the harbor, fishing and not eating right. So we look for help, and they help us throughout the whole...like from day one until now. And we just moved in on the third. So if it wasn't for them, we'd still be in the car or somewhere on the beach camping. So I really appreciate for their help on the rental assistance on the first month's rent and the deposit. And if we need more help, we'll go back to them. So then I will asking for you guys, please let them give more help to the people and that will give less problems to the people here on Molokai that who need help like suicidal. When they do that, because they not asking for help or they've been turned down. So if you keep their funds running, there'd be less debt, less worries and more happiness. So thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ben. Our next testifier is Juan Trinidad, followed by Carolyn Havens.

MR. TRINIDAD: ...*(inaudible)*... respected guests and...members of Molokai, I am Juan Trinidad. I came here...was sixty-eight years ago. That one of...I am the few remaining Sakadas that have done mostly the hard work in the pineapple and the sugar industry. I don't know, my wife told me that no need go, but as usual, we are old, hard-head people, when we came here ...*(inaudible)*... because we came here I think just right up to the second World War. And to let you know, also, I stay Molokai for about 68 years. I have three boys and three girls, only one left in Molokai. I stayed Molokai because of the job situation. And I hope you can help us to find work for all the people in Molokai. I came here because I have a water bill. I was surprised because you separate the water bill and the sewer bill. So I asked, how the hell...what is going on, it come out from the same meter. I guess the County doing something, extra work. If you guys could streamline that, I think we can save a little bit money. Whatever we can save is good for us...for you guys, maybe not me because you know ...*(inaudible)*... I'm 86 year old. So hopefully you can find a solution for this, because I don't think it's necessary to put the sewer bill and the water bill and it come out from the same meter. And that's all I want to...address this one, and thank you very much for letting me.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Juan. The water bill comes from Honolulu, because they do all of the accounting and billing; and the sewer bill comes from Maui from the Wastewater Department. Our next testifier is Carolyn Havens, followed by Jennifer Carver.

MS. ALCON: She became ill and had to leave. She left a note ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR WHITE: Sure.

MS. ALCON: Okay.

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MS. CARVER: Hello.

CHAIR WHITE: That's Carolyn?

MS. BROWN: I'm gonna be, actually, speaking on behalf of Carolyn Havens.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, okay.

MS. BROWN: She had to step out, she wasn't feeling well; so I'll read a note that she left. *To the board, I am pleased to be allowed to take the MEO bus system. The drivers and office personnel are always very thoughtful. The drivers are accommodating and watchful of my needs. I am 72 years young and go to many doctors' appointments weekly. MEO is always on time and very kind if I need to go shopping and be picked up a little later.* So that was for Carolyn Havens and from Pumehana, so...

CHAIR WHITE: Well, thank you for doing that for them.

MS. BROWN: Yeah, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Sorry that she became ill. Jennifer Carver, followed by Sharon Newcombe.

MS. CARVER: Okay. Let's see, there's the podium, okay. Well, good evening, everyone. My name is...

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MS. CARVER: My name is Jennifer Carver and I live in Kawela area, the four-mile marker. I am totally blind because of retinopathy due to prematurity. And I am so happy and grateful for you guys showing up this evening, and would like to thank you for supporting the Maui Economic Opportunity bus service. I have used the bus to go shopping and to other appointments, to school and Molokai Workforce Development's job-readiness classes. I strongly urge you to continue supporting this valuable service so that people with disabilities, like myself, can continue to travel independently. Thank you for listening.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for coming, Jennifer. Sharon Newcombe is next, followed by Jennifer Brown.

MS. NEWCOMBE: I just wanted to say that MEO is very accommodating to people for their medical needs, which go into a lot of different directions sometimes. And they're very helpful and very kind and very loving. That's about it.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Jennifer Brown will be followed by Sarah Jenkins.

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MS. BROWN: Hi again. So I just wanted to testify on behalf of the MEO bus service. I'm in AmeriCorps VISTA, and I'm working at building a financial literacy program here on Molokai. And I just wanted to testify to the valuable service of the MEO Transportation, and that I couldn't be doing what I do if it wasn't for them, so thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Can you explain to us what an AmeriCorps VISTA is?

MS. BROWN: AmeriCorps VISTA is a one-year service, volunteer service, program for pretty much anybody who wants to participate in community development programs, and so you can volunteer pretty much anywhere within the state. It's like the Peace Corps, but within the United States. And I chose to come here and work on programming development on the island, so...

CHAIR WHITE: Great.

MS. BROWN: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, thank you for what you do.

MS. BROWN: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Sarah Jenkins will be followed by Lily Jenkins.

MS. S. JENKINS: Hi. We all are gonna read a part of our testimony, if that's okay.

CHAIR WHITE: That's fine.

MS. S. JENKINS: Okay. Aloha, Maui County Council members. My name is Sarah Jenkins. I'm an eleventh grader at Molokai High School.

MS. L. JENKINS: My name is Lily Jenkins. I'm a ninth grader at Molokai High School.

MR. SVETIN: My name is Erik Svetin, and I'm a ninth grader at Molokai High School.

MS. S. JENKINS: We are here tonight to speak on behalf of the Maui Economic Development Board and to request that the Maui County Council continue their financial funding for Maui Economic Development Board.

MS. L. JENKINS: MEDB has funded several programs that we have participated in including FIRST LEGO League robotics, VEX Robotics, Tech Careers, Maui/Molokai Digital Bus and Molokai Math Day. MEDB has served as the backbone of our robotics and STEM on Molokai, making off-island travel to competitions and events a possibility. My peers, as well as myself, have all grown from the variety of science technology, engineering and math or STEM experiences made

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financially possible by MEDB. MEDB has helped set up STEM company visits over the past five years in robotics, and we have visited companies and learned about career options at Molokai General Hospital, InSynergy Energy [sic] Corporation, Blue Planet Foundation, Akimeka, Grand Wailea and the Faulkes Telescope at Haleakala Observatory as well as the Maui Surveillance Site and Hawaii [sic] Dredging Corporation. We have also attended several college campus visits at the universities, such as Chaminade University, University of Hawaii at Manoa and Maui Community College. These visits help me to decide on a possible career in environmental engineering or natural resource management. All three of us want to pursue a STEM field in college and return to Molokai and Hawaii to work when we graduate.

MR. SVETIN: Another huge thing that we took away from FLL and VEX was just being part of a team and the importance of giving back your knowledge to younger students. We grew leadershipwise from STEM programs and now carried our passion for engineering and robotics into our high-school careers where we have taken leadership roles in the Molokai High School VEX Robotics club.

MS. S. JENKINS: From these opportunities, we personally developed an interest in engineering that we have never had before. Not only have we learned how to program a robot using Robot C language, we learned about the engineering and design process and how to use critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the field. We developed public-speaking skills. I used to be very shy, but we all have confidence to stand before STEM professionals to converse and to answer questions about our own specific inquiries. We learned how to conduct research projects and to write a scientific abstract, we have been able to apply all of these skills in our personal academics and been able to showcase our knowledge through avenues such as science fair. This year, I'll be the Maui County student representative at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair to be held in LA this May. My science fair project incorporates the use of technology and equipment, such as GPS; Global Informational Systems; water salinity probes; dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature probes that I was introduced and learned to use at the Molokai Digital Bus which receives funding by Maui Economic Development Board. Lastly, we would like to recognize Maui Economic Opportunity bus services here on Molokai, because, without them, we would not have been able to get to any of our robotics practices, sport practices and even home. Thank you for funding Maui Economic Development Board and Maui Opportunity. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Great job, guys. Now, I also have a Heidi Jenkins. Is she here? Okay.

MS. H. JENKINS: Aloha, Maui Council members. My name is Heidi Jenkins. I've been a teacher here on Molokai for 14 years. And, currently, I am the Canoe Complex Area STEM Resource Teacher, so I service schools, 11 schools throughout Lahainaluna, Hana, Lanai and Molokai. I'm here tonight to speak on behalf of Maui Economic Development Board. I recognize that we are all in challenging, economic times; but I'm here this evening to request that the Maui County Council continue their financial funding of MEDB. MEDB funds numerous STEM programs here on Molokai, such as robotics programs and tournaments, engineering expos and camps,

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math days and competitions and technology days and workshops. MEDB also supports funding for the Maui/Molokai Digital Bus, which engages our students in real-world, hands-on, science lessons. The Digital Bus provides training for our students to learn how to utilize scientific equipment as those mentioned by the students who were just here before me. It's exciting to see students applying these new skills as they engage in scientific inquiry to solve community-based problems. These 21st century skills are just a few technological skills that will help our students become college and career ready. MEDB also invests in the ongoing education and leadership of our teachers to provide STEM curriculum and to develop instructional practices that keep our students connected, active and engaged. I would like to take a moment to highlight the Molokai STEM Cadre, which is composed of 20 teachers here in Molokai representing all of our elementary school, middle school and high school. MEDB has facilitated and financed regularly scheduled meetings for our STEM Cadre to develop an articulated K-12 STEM plan using the STEMworks curriculum. This is really important, 'cause for the first time ever now, we're developing a common vision, K-12, for STEM education here on Molokai. I would like to note that the STEMworks curriculum is the only STEM curriculum endorsed by the State of Hawaii, Department of Education that meets the learning and achievement rigor of the STEM Capstone course requirements for graduating seniors beginning with the class of 2016. MEDB is helping Molokai High School to increase the number of graduates who earn a STEM Honors Recognition Diploma. So for our Molokai High School students and the STEM students that are gonna follow me as well, it's more than just getting a diploma now, it's really about meaningful, real-world experiences and 21st century skills to make them college and career competitive. So beyond the academic skills and the knowledge learned from visiting STEM companies that the students just mentioned, there's also just a noteworthy shift that I'd like to talk about, about our students really having collegiate goals and a vision. STEM opportunities that students have engaged in were cited as contributing factors towards the pursuit of higher education.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. H. JENKINS: Student comments reflected questions about various STEM careers, the college application process, when to take their SAT/ACT test, what clubs to join and all this in order to support their chances of getting into college. We have more and more students when asked at Molokai High School, "who wants to go to college?", or middle school or elementary. It's awesome to start seeing this huge, positive shift in educational goals from past graduating classes. One thing that we've noticed is many of our Molokai High School students who have participated in these STEM activities are going to a variety of universities, such as UH Manoa, Hilo, Iowa State, community colleges throughout the state, Grand Canyon University, Washington, we recently had a student go to Harvard, University of San Francisco; all pursuing STEM careers as a result of programs enabled by MEDB.

MR. JENSEN: Four minutes.

MS. H. JENKINS: Thank you. I'll end there. I could talk and talk, sorry, the teacher in me.

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CHAIR WHITE: We kind of got that...

MS. H. JENKINS: Do you have any questions at this time?

CHAIR WHITE: No. Very good job, Heidi.

MS. H. JENKINS: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Our next testifier is Edwin Mendija, followed by DarLynne Mollena.

MR. MENDIJA: Aloha, Council Chair and Maui County Council members. My name is Ed Mendija, and I am one of the VEX Robotics coaches at Molokai High School. I'm also the owner of a local tech business, Mendija's Repair, and I'm a tech at the Kualapuu Elementary School and I'm also a continuing college student. I am joining in in the request for continued funding of the MEDB program. As a robotics coach, I can tell you that funding like this is really important for our team. It's a key thing for our team, because the less we have to worry about our budget, the more the students can focus on learning. In years past, we've lost a lot of precious, educational time figuring out how we're gonna obtain, like, parts, software and travel funds. And it's a lot of stress...sorry, I'm nervous. MEDB helps to relieve that stress from us, the leaders, and the students alike. And it helps us to grow more and more each year. I know that for myself, the less I worry about funds, the more I can focus on evolving the curriculum that we have set for them. The students are now able to learn more about designing; building; programming; driving and, most importantly, teamwork and leadership thanks to MEDB funding. So thank you for your continued support of the MEDB and allowing people, like myself, to be able to give back and help spur the growth of STEM in our educational systems allowing for increased production of scientists, engineers and techs out of our schools; which, by the way, we all know that information technology's the fastest growing field in the world nowadays. And, who knows, maybe the next Steve Jobs might come out of one of these schools. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Edwin. DarLynne will be followed by Torae Puaa.

MS. MOLLENA: Aloha, County Members. My name is DarLynne Mollena. And, along with me, I have some youth from the Molokai Youth Center who wanted to come and share testimony as well. I am the Director of the Molokai Youth Center. And on behalf of Molokai Community Service Council and the Molokai Youth Center, we wanted to extend our sincere mahalo for your continued support and your support throughout these years. As you may know, Molokai Youth Center is the only center here on the island that provides alternative activities and to help strengthen our youths and our families; and, to me, it's like a home away from home for many of our youths, and I'm very thankful that, with your support, you allow us to be there. On a given day, we nearly have about 130 students that come through the center and average about 80 daily. So the center really provides a place for them to come, a nurturing place for them to come, and get involved in activities. I'm extremely thankful for the staff and the partnerships within our community that comes to the center to work with our kids, to teach them, to mentor them; and

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it's not just us, but the whole community as well. If it wasn't for our bus services to get our students there, our kids there, I mean that it wouldn't happen; so we're very thankful that we have your support to have the MEO buses come. Service providers within our community that has knowledge in all kinds of areas, whether it be fishponds, whether it be the mountain, the ocean, Molokai Land Trust, they come and they also teach our children. So our kids are able to get a well-rounded education from just our community and our community service providers, so I'm very thankful for that; and it is, through your support, that allows that to happen here in our community. I'm also thankful for the facilities adjacent to the Molokai Youth Center, such as the swimming pool, the gym; and we also utilize those areas to provide activities for our kids. I wanted to propose, and if it's not already being dialogued, that the gym is a place that we utilize a lot. And, on some occasions, there's been times that the gym had to be closed because of the rain and the leaking roof. So I wanted to...I don't know if it's being proposed, but I wanted to say that it would be nice to have a new gym, too, so that our activities that we organize throughout the day and the months, we're able to use the gym and it'd be open. But I think that would also entail, like, having lockers and being able to host not only indoor activities, but off-island groups as well.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. MOLLENA: So I don't know if it's being dialogued, but I wanted to propose that.

CHAIR WHITE: No, you've got another minute if you need it.

MS. MOLLENA: Yes. And then, again, I'm most thankful for your support that allows each and every one of our organizations to exist and be able to work with each other to help our kids. Mahalo. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, DarLynne. Next is Torae Kaawauhau-Puaa--I didn't see the hyphen there—followed by Keahi DeCosta.

MS. KAAWAUHAU-PUAA: Aloha. My name is Torae Brooke Kaawauhau-Puaa. I am 11 years old. I go to Kualapuu School. What I like about the youth center is all of the activities and sports that we do around here. Also, what I like mostly about the youth center is the staff because they're really funny and super fun to play with or to talk to. And thank you for supporting us. We love MYC.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Torae. And Keahi is next. We might need to adjust the microphone for him [*sic*]. It should bend down, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Come, so all them can see your pretty face.

MS. DECOSTA: Hi. My name is Keahi. I am seven years old. I like about the youth center is the computer lab and the games and the coloring contest and the staff. I love the staff because

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they're the best. I love Travis and Alii and Nue and Aunty Dar. The youth center is the best in the whole entire world.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Keahi. Okay. Now, you don't look like Marjorie. So are...what is...

MS. MOLLENA: There's Marjorie.

CHAIR WHITE: Actually, I can shuffle my papers if they...go ahead, Marjorie.

MS. AGCAOILI: Hi. My name is Marjorie Agcaoili. I love the youth center. I live in Ranch Camp. Thank you for supporting the youth center. I like to play sport with the youth center and make new friends. I love the staff because they help me with my homework. Thank you for listening, and the staff is awesome.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Marjorie. Next we have Ilya Ogden.

MR. OGDEN: Hi. My name is Ilya Ogden. I am seven years old. I go to Kaunakakai School. I like the youth center because we do coloring contest. We do art, that's why I like the youth center. I like when we go on field trips. Aunty DarLynne is awesome, Alii is awesome and Uncle Travis is awesome.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Next we have Justin Agcaoili.

MS. MOLLENA: Go ahead, Justin, you can. Just whatever you're feeling. He when write one paper, but he was like ...*(inaudible)*... You can, from your heart.

CHAIR WHITE: You'll do just fine, just talk, just look at one of us like you're just talking to us.

MS. MOLLENA: You can do it.

MR. AGCAOILI: Hi.

MS. MOLLENA: What's your name?

MR. AGCAOILI: Justin.

MS. MOLLENA: Good. No be shame.

MR. AGCAOILI: Okay.

MS. MOLLENA: Good.

MR. AGCAOILI: Hi, everybody. My name is Justin. I like play sports, it's fun. And Aunty Dar is

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awesome.

CHAIR WHITE: I think we all heard it.

MR. AGCAOILI: Travis is funny and awesome.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you, Justin. The next testifier is Kiani Ocampo.

MS. OCAMPO: Aloha, everyone. My name is Kiani Ocampo. I'd like to thank you guys for supporting the youth center and making it possible for all of the kids that come can enjoy the Molokai Youth Center so much. The things I really enjoy is the computer lab because I can do my schoolwork inside and play games on top the computer. The staff are really nice every time when I'm feeling lonely, sad or even mad, I know I can always count on the staff to help me with my problems. So I really hope that all you generous, helpful, really supportive people still support the Molokai Youth Center. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Kiani. Our next testifier is Alii Kaholokula.

MS. KAHOLOKULA: Hello, Council members. My name is Alii Kaholokula, and I've been working as a youth specialist at the Molokai Youth Center for three years. I would like to thank you all for your continuous support. Throughout the years, your generosity has been able to provide our youth with the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe, positive and nurturing environment. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Alii. Our next testifier is Judy Caparida.

MS. CAPARIDA: Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. CAPARIDA: Aloha, Molokai.

AUDIENCE: Aloha.

MS. CAPARIDA: I mean I'm so thankful to be here tonight. Thank the Lord because we're so blessed on Molokai, and we really appreciate all the support we getting from all you people up in Maui, all our Councilman, our Mayor and especially for Gladys. We've been having some matches boy way before, and so now that we have the MEO all set, it's really, really wonderful. We have our kids that goes through the games, and afterschool they pick 'em up, you know, and it's so convenient. And then the parents can make the games because a lot of them work. Two of them gotta work, so we really appreciate all the transportation that we've been having from the MEO. But my main question tonight was that we just had a meeting at our meeting at...it's about water, and it's because our Kapaakea people from the Hawaiian Homes doesn't have any waterline that

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comes from the Hawaiian Homestead line to Kapaakea. So the question they were asking was that they're paying high water on the County where they want to find when they can have County cutback on their water so that they can have the payment of water as the same like the Hawaiian Homes. So I didn't know all the answers to that, but I just thought I'd bring it up so that we can make researches because the Hawaiian Homes don't have a line, and they're using County water. And it's been for years they say they've been trying to get help for their situation, because there's a lot of kupunas down there and they all on a set budget. So I needed to come and say that to you. I don't really have a need for myself because I'm so blessed. We're so blessed, so Molokai doesn't matter what we go through. Nobody can say, they're not blessed, because God has been so good to us on Molokai, and I really think the Lord for all the benefits that we have here on Molokai and it's because of Him and because we have people like you to do the job. I'm so thankful, and I really aloha you guys and aloha, Molokai. And I just...I am so blessed. That's what I needed to say. And, please, give my love Gladys and to our Mayor. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: We will do that. Thank you, Judy. And our next testifier is Ziana Kaulia-Pelland, followed by Rodney Rodrigues.

MS. KAULIA-PELLAND: Good evening, Committee Chair, Mike White. My name is Ziana Kaulia-Pelland. I'm here to represent Clarence Kahilihiwa, which he's known "Boogie" from Kalaupapa. He's a patient; so he couldn't be here tonight, so I'm representing him. And this is what he said: *Good evening, Committee Chairman, Mike White and Members of the Maui County Council. Aloha from Kalaupapa. I apologize for not being with you this evening. I've asked that my testimony be read into the record with a copy to be included in the written record. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Clarence Kahilihiwa, most everyone calls me Boogie. I have been a resident of Kalaupapa for more than 50 years. I was taken from my family on Hawaii island when I was nine because I was diagnosed with leprosy or Hansen's disease. I am now President of Ka'Ohana O Kalaupapa and a member of our memorial committee, writing in support of the proposal of \$100,000 to help us plan and design the Kalaupapa Memorial. The idea for memorial at Kalaupapa began more than 25 years ago. Many of us were concerned that those without tombstones at Kalaupapa—most of the 8,000 people who were sent there—would not be remembered for their sacrifices and strength to persevere. In 2003, I was a founding member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. The Kalaupapa residents who attended the workshop to organize the 'Ohana decided that one of our priorities should be to establish the Kalaupapa Memorial. In 2009, President Obama signed the Kalaupapa Memorial Act that authorizes Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa to establish the memorial and list the names of everyone sent there. We have since been working on compiling all the names of those sent to Kalaupapa, environmental processes and obtaining a lease from the landowner, the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We have obtained the services of the firm of—excuse me, I don't know how to pronounce this—Munekiyo & Hiraga to help us complete Chapter 343. Once Chapter 343 is complete on the site of the memorial, we will be ready to begin selecting the design of the memorial. We hope Maui County will kokua. As we all know, Kalaupapa is part of Molokai, and people from all over Hawaii were sent to Kalaupapa so the*

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memorial will be an inspiration to their descendants who live on the islands and elsewhere.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. KAULIA-PELLAND: *We have waited so long for a memorial at Kalaupapa, please help us with our dream to honor our people. We want to dedicate the Kalaupapa Memorial when there is still a living community. We are down to 16 living residents who were sent to Kalaupapa. As I have said many times, when you see all the names on the memorial, it will be like everyone is standing right in front of you. It will bring tears to my eyes. Mahalo for your time and consideration. Thank you.*

CHAIR WHITE: Excuse me, just one moment. And how old is he now?

MS. KAULIA-PELLAND: He is 78.

CHAIR WHITE: Seventy-eight?

MS. KAULIA-PELLAND: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony.

MS. KAULIA-PELLAND: You're welcome.

CHAIR WHITE: Rodney will be followed by Emillia Noordhoek.

MR. RODRIGUES: Aloha, good evening.

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MR. RODRIGUES: Aloha, good evening. Thank you, Council members. Honored to be here. My name is Rodney Rodrigues, Jr. I've been a resident here for three years now, me and my family has moved here from Maui. And what I'm up here this evening to talk to you about is the gratitude that we have for MEO Head Start for our great grandchild. I'm a great grandpa along with my wife; we are the caregivers of our four-year-old granddaughter. And we really appreciate the Head Start. Being that we are grandparents, one of the things that we qualified for was to have the extended hours for our grandchild to be in preschool. The benefits of that for me, today, is that I can continue my education at the college right down the road from MEO, and also, my wife can have extra time for herself to take care of some of the necessities and businesses in her life. We really appreciate you guys supporting and continue to support MEO, and I appreciate your guys' time. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Emillia will be followed by Wanette Lee.

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MS. NOORDHOEK: Hi, good evening, Council members. Thank you very much for giving of your time and coming over to listen to all of the really amazing things that are happening on Molokai for the community. My name is Emillia Noordhoek and I'm with Sustainable Molokai; and this is Harmonee Williams, and we're both two of the cofounders of Sustainable Molokai. And we wanted to thank the Office of Economic Development and, of course, the Council for funding them, because they were able to fund us \$6,000 to create a *Molokai Go Local!* directory which will be both in hard copy and on the Internet. So it'll tie into our newly funded project for a Molokai food HUB and to help us to create Molokai food map, which will be similar to the map, "She grows food", who are helping partnering with us.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, I just wanted to say, thank you, too. I've been kinda going business to business, getting people to sign up and it's been a lot of really positive feedback and a lot of businesses I didn't even know of. So I think it'll be a really great resource just for people to have one place to go if they're looking for a specific type of business or service and be able to just find out that it is on island a lot of times and they don't have to go off island to find it. And, so far, we have about 140 businesses signed up; I still have more to go. And we have about 20 farms or different kinds of food producers signed up and there's still more, of course, we'll go over that. But it'll plug in nicely to our food HUB projects, as Emillia mentioned, which is really the goal of that is to connect our producers with our local markets, stores, restaurants and especially schools, try and get that in there before they start. So, yeah, so thank you so much for that. And just wanna sneak in real quick while I'm up here. My other hat is with Trees of Molokai, a for-profit company growing keiki fruit trees. And thank you for our small business revitalization grant received which enabled us to buy over 600 keiki citrus trees that are growing to a bigger size now and will be for sale for Molokai residents later this year.

MS. NOORDHOEK: And one more item is that we also, Sustainable Molokai, has a proposal for a pilot project through the Environmental Management Recycling Division for a household hazardous waste. We were the only group from Molokai to put in a proposal, and part of that was so that we could recycle the CFLs. Many of the people who testified earlier today were part of a project to exchange 40,000 light bulbs with CFLs, and we'd like to develop a project to dispose of them appropriately and responsibly. So thank you very much. Good evening.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony, Emillia. And Wanette will be followed by Sharon Samonte.

MS. LEE: Aloha, Maui County Council members and respectful Stacy Crivello. I'd like to thank you all first for being here today, and thank you for supporting the programs of Molokai. My name is Wanette Lee, Program Director of Hale Hoomalu Women's Shelter and the Alternatives to Violence Program, which are programs under the directions of Molokai Community Service Council. As small as Molokai is, we are not immune to domestic violence. We are among many broken families, victims so fragile that they have lost their own identity, confused, unable to see or even fathom further beyond abuse, children are removed from homes, as well as devastation of homicide and suicide that continue to haunt this community. Domestic violence, as you

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know, is a learned behavior, a generational act that if no interventions are provided, the vicious cycle can and will continue. Hale Hoomalu Women's Shelter provides 24-hour shelter services, a safe place for women and their children, we provide individual service planning, case managing, transportation, temporary restraining orders with services, such as anger management for perpetrators, court advocacy, educational/empowering groups for the victims as well as groups for their children, as well as community outreach, and not to mention an ear to listen and a hug that ensures the women and their children that they are now safe. Have you ever witnessed a child when they finally feel they are in a safe place? A victim so fragile that finally sees the light at the end of the tunnel, a victim that has strength to say, enough is enough, to witness a victim who struggles to get on her feet and finally makes it on her own, to see a family finally relax without walking on eggshells or a family that reunites finally with no more violence. It is truly a blessing to be in the midst of hope for our families of Molokai at Hale Hoomalu. I am here testifying before you in support of Hale Hoomalu to assure you that these services are needed and humbly ask for your continued support during the next 2015 Fiscal Year. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Wanette. And...

MS. SAMONTE: Good evening, Committee Chair, Mr. White and Maui County Council members. Thank you so much for coming out to Molokai and not only to listen, but you hear and you allocate funds accordingly. My name is Sharon Samonte, and I am a relief advocate at Hale Hoomalu. Wanette pretty much summarized what the program is for, but it's been in existence since 1991. And of the 24 years, I worked 21 years as a advocate; now, I'm just a relief advocate on call. And I wanted to stress on how vital the program is and how significant your County funds are to the daily operations of the shelter because it provides: number one, safety; number two, empowerment through resources; and, as she mentioned, the group sessions for the women and their children; it also provides the basic needs - food, clothing; and it's really vital because it has kept women and their children safe if not one night at least 90 days, which is the maximum that you can stay at the shelter. So I ask for your continued support because of how vital it is to our island and how significant your funding is to that operation. And I thank you all for all that you had done. Thank you, Stacy, for being the warrior that you are and for being personable and so involved in our community. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sharon.

MS. SAMONTE: You're welcome.

CHAIR WHITE: Our next testifier is Artice Swingle, and following Artice is John Wordin.

MS. SWINGLE: Hi. My name is Artice Swingle. And I just wanted to thank you very much for the grant that you awarded to Sustainable Molokai for that small business directory. It's really important that we know where our services are and who they are. We do have, like, 355 small businesses registered on the island, but most people aren't aware of where they are or who they are, so getting that together is gonna be really important for us. And also, on behalf of the small

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business center, in bringing the training and workshops and opportunities for free counseling and especially for startup businesses. So thank you very, very much for your funding. Bye.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Artice. And following John will be Charlotte Seales.

MR. WORDIN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. John Wordin is my name. I'm your SCORE volunteer at the Kuhao Business Center, and I'm here to ask, once more—raise it up, raise it up, is that better...okay—to ask you once more to continue your support for the business center and for the people of Molokai who are trying to start businesses. I'm there every Wednesday afternoon to assist people in any way that I can with patented trademarks and copyrights, business plans and anything else that I can think of to help them get started with their business. So thank you all very much for supporting the business center.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, John. And following Charlotte will be David Kangas.

MS. SEALES: Aloha, Molokai. I know we're not ma'a to face our backs to you, but kala mai ia'u. Aloha, Councilman Chair White, and of course our representative from Molokai, Stacy. Thank you so much for all of you being here. I usually wear glasses, but when I don't, everybody looks a little hazy, so it kinda works if you get a little haalulu. But I'm here tonight...and, you know, just...this is not always...it doesn't always happen that we have all of this mana'o being shared, and it's really a blessing. As I sit in this hall and I just look outside and just think of all those that have come to this hall many, many years ago; and so it's really a blessing and a true honor to be here tonight. I support...I'm going to bring MOC or Molokai Occupational Center, but I want to also say with MEO and everyone that has spoken before me, I really support what they're doing. But for Kilohana School, I just wanna say, there's a bus, MEO bus takes I don't know how many students, maybe 25, from Kaunakakai area to Kilohana every day and bring them back home to town. If it wasn't for that, the school enrollment there at Kilohana would, you know, really drop; and, you know, that can always face with closing. I think sometimes it goes from 60 to 80, it kinda goes up and down, so with that service, it gives...and the children or the families have to move to town. So what happens is that they can move to town, they miss mana'e, but they still have their children who still want to go and attend there, alright. I wanna introduce, right now, the work crew, or the yard crew as they call it at Molokai Occupational Center, and they can come in now. They took the time...and I wanna ...*(applause)*... they do deserve that, they do deserve that. Thank you so much. Come inside, come, come. This is one of the supervisors, Tony. We have Lahela as a supervisor. And most of them are here tonight. We have a total of 16, and there's four of them that do clean the facility. We even have one that goes down to Halawa. And I don't have all of the details, but they told me about 16 total. Without our contract that...I worked at MOC many years ago as a program coordinator and then I left and then I am a board member now. And, now, you know, like anything in life, right, there's many changes: change of supervisors and so forth; but without this contract, that I think has been more than 15 years, all that you see standing in the front of you, would not have jobs. And they do an excellent, excellent job. And Lahela and Tony, thank you, have been great supervisors. So I really, really thank you and I hope we can have continued support. And they

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know I'm the wala'au one. And we didn't really plan to kind of, you know, and they came and they said, oh good, Auntie Charlotte's here, oh good, okay, she can talk, we'll just stand there. But if you have any questions for any one of them, Chairman, you can ask.

CHAIR WHITE: Not at this point. I think we're all pretty familiar –

MS. SEALES: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: --with you all do –

MS. SEALES: Alright.

CHAIR WHITE: --and we're very proud of what you do.

MS. SEALES: Alright, thank you so much, alright. Aloha, thank you. And thank you, Molokai.

CHAIR WHITE: And David Kangas will be followed by Desiree Puhi.

MR. KANGAS: Hi. Thank you very much. Aloha. I moved here two years ago from Seattle, and it's really improved my life. I love living here, I'll never leave. And a lot of people I know here—and my friends are sorry they couldn't attend—but we had just want to urge you to please continue the great bus service. I take the bus all the time. And keep the pool open, it's wonderful service. I know you extended it on Saturday; that was a great deal of help for everybody. And please continue the Food Bank, too. Gladys and I worked together in volunteering there. And please continue the County rental assistance program; that helps people more than you can imagine. The need is great on all these. And, like I said, living here is...it's just been wonderful. And Gladys helped me a great deal. The Wordins and I met—and other people—at that I Aloha Molokai meeting we...once a month across the street, we continue to, that's open to the public, the first Monday of every month. And we are cautiously optimistic that there will not be any windmills and no cables. And I think that's going to happen, but please support I Aloha Molokai. And, you know, this will happen that we will not have cables. Thank you again for your time, energy and all your help, it's most deeply appreciated, believe me. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, David. And following Desiree will be Mathew Goodrich.

MS. PUHI: Aloha, Honorable Chair, Council members, thank you for coming to Molokai. We really appreciate seeing your faces and putting the names to everything. I brought you a visual to help kinda tell our story. My name is Desiree Puhi. I'm the Executive Director of the Molokai Community Health Center. Many of you have been there, so you can see our progress.

CHAIR WHITE: Actually, if you...you need to hand it to the Staff to let you know.

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MS. PUHI: So, as you know, Molokai Community Health Center started our capital improvement campaign in 2009. 2009 our economy crashed as all you know. It was a struggle for us, but we have raised more than \$7 million through that time. What we're doing is renovating the Old Pau Hana Inn. It's now the property of the community as a community house center. We provide primary care, dental care, behavioral health services, WIC, early intervention services to 0 to 3. And then the campus is also large enough to support other nonprofits of like mind. What we're asking for and hoping for is, we're just about done with Phase II which is all the core healthcare services. We're short \$300,000. I did meet with the Mayor's staff. The Mayor is in support of our capital campaign, and we're just hoping that we'll be in the Budget. Any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: Any questions, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: ...*(Inaudible)*...

CHAIR WHITE: Pardon?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: ...*(Inaudible)*...

CHAIR WHITE: Are you in the Budget now?

MS. PUHI: Well, you know, I took a little gander, and I can't see myself as a line item, so I don't know how the Budget really folds out.

CHAIR WHITE: Have you looked on the online version?

MS. PUHI: I didn't. I just looked at the printed version and...

CHAIR WHITE: Did you get the synopsis, the small one?

MS. PUHI: The small one, yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. PUHI: Go online and take a look?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, our Budget that we look at is about 500 pages. A lot of people are concerned because they don't see their line item, but it's generally there somewhere.

MS. PUHI: Alright.

CHAIR WHITE: So...but we will take a look at it.

MS. PUHI: Thank you, Mike, really appreciate that. And thanks for educating me, because of it's that

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many pages, you start getting...

CHAIR WHITE: And it...but it is available online.

MS. PUHI: Great.

CHAIR WHITE: And it's under the Mayor's Office and the Office of Budget, and you just go to the...there's a PDF document, and you can look up all of the various awards there.

MS. PUHI: Great. Again, we really appreciate your support and your continued support, and we'd really love to close out Phase II.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: She's got a copy...

MS. PUHI: Okay, great. Thank you. Thanks, again.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Desiree. And Mathew Goodrich will be followed by...it looks like Kaeo Kawaa.

MR. GOODRICH: Hello and thank you, aloha. I'm from the Molokai Humane Society, and we'd just like to thank you for your continuing support. We've been working really hard for the last couple years, and had come quite a long ways, unfortunately, our Executive Director had a funeral to attend to tonight.

CHAIR WHITE: Sorry...

MR. GOODRICH: So she's the smart one and...but at any rate, I did want for some of you who might not be familiar with Molokai, we do run the only animal hospital and have the only veterinary service here on the island, and that's something that most humane societies don't undertake and so we really...it's really important to get your continued support. And just really quickly, I'd like to thank the Police Department and our animal control agent, and hope you continue their support as well.

CHAIR WHITE: I'm familiar with your operation, and you guys do more with so little than anyone else does, so I want to thank you for all your efforts.

MR. GOODRICH: Well, we appreciate it and we try to take care of the taxpayers, yeah. Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony, Mathew. Kaeo Kawaa will be followed by Kahoiwai Kawaa.

MR. KAWAA: Chairman White, Auntie Stacy, Council members and Staff and, of course, Molokai, Aloha.

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ALL: Aloha.

MR. KAWAA: My wife and I, Kahoiwai, we're here on behalf of Molokai Middle School. And we're here to thank you for your support of MEO, MEDB and Ke Alahele. And I'm going to turn the mic over to my wife, and then we're gonna show you some faces and successes of the beneficiaries of your program.

MS. KAWAA: As my husband said, we are both here on behalf of Molokai Middle School along with our principal in the back in support of all of you that have supported our school. I'm here on behalf of our UPLINK, Molokai Middle School UPLINK volleyball coaches. My husband and I both coach the volleyball team for the UPLINK as well as we're both summer school teachers for UPLINK as well. And thanking in support for our MEO buses who transport our students to and from school every day; we're grateful for the bus transportation and all that they provide for us on behalf of our students. Without that transportation, our students wouldn't be able to compete in sports off island. We just came home this past weekend, luckily with some trophies that our school, boys and girls team, brought home. And, you know, it's an opportunity that being one of maybe two or three middle schools on island, we don't have much competition, but going over to Maui where we challenge all of the Maui County schools, afforded them the opportunity. Thank you so much. Please continue supporting our MEO.

MR. KAWAA: Thanks to your funding of MEO busing, we have our first group. These are our volleyballs teams from UPLINK, girls and boys. We just got back from the _____ Invitational. Without the busing, we don't have afterschool sports, we don't have afterschool music, arts, activity programs. So thanks to that, we're able to compete on level with the rest of the Maui schools, so thank you for that, okay. Our second group, beneficiaries also of the MEO bus, but more specifically of MEDB, okay. And these are our STEM, this is our STEM program, okay. My wife and I are STEM teachers at middle school. These are our STEM students, some of their awards. So our first hat was coach, second hat was STEM. And, of course, the last is our VEX IQ robotics program, and we'd like to feature them over here. Thank you, MEDB and Ke Alahele program. This is the team that we're taking to the worlds in Anaheim in one week, those are our bots, those are the championship bots we're taking, okay. We call those series of bots the Super Buckets, okay, so...but, again, thanks to your funding, thanks to all the programs that you support our students have afterschool programs so we can take trips. The playing field has been leveled for us and other Maui schools. And you've see the faces and their success. And we hope to enjoy many more and share many more successes with you. Thank you very much.

MS. KAWAA: Aloha, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Is this on? Okay. So you're leaving next week with your robotics competition in the nationals?

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MS. KAWAA: Worlds.

MR. KAWAA: It's worlds.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, worlds.

MR. KAWAA: It's not nationals --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, worlds.

MR. KAWAA: --worlds.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh. Congratulations.

MR. KAWAA: Yeah. Thank you

CHAIR WHITE: That's the fun stuff. Gary Davidson will be our next testifier followed by Robert Stephenson.

MR. DAVIDSON: Aloha. So I'll be brief. I'm the Principal of that group, right, and so we're very proud of our kids. It's not so much about the money, right. Money helps and everything costs more on Molokai. That trip to nationals is a \$15,000 trip; that's a lot of plate lunches to sell, right. But it's not about the money; it's about the strategic application of that money. Our rules and regulations in our state, our Department of Education, the bureaucratic structures that we have, sometimes make it hard to do the common-sense things that we know are good for kids. And so MEDB sometimes is able to step in at the right time, put the right little push and then you see what happens. Our kids on Molokai can compete with any students anywhere even at a world level. And so thank you for being that strategic partner for us.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for what you do. And I'll just mention that the...I think all of us would agree that the State should probably be doing more for athletics, for the robotics and things of that sort, so this is just another example of where the County has been willing to step in and assist, and I think we're very fortunate that we got the kind of foresight not just us but the people that came before us, because these programs --

MR. DAVIDSON: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: --have been going on long before I think most of us --

MR. DAVIDSON: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --except maybe the father of the group on your left.

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MR. DAVIDSON: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: And...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The father of the group.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh shucks, I didn't realize he had a microphone, but...anyway, thank you very much for what you do.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

MR. DAVIDSON: Yes, thanks a lot.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So let me ask you this question, how many of these children are gonna go up with you guys next week?

MR. DAVIDSON: So six.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Six of them.

MR. DAVIDSON: Three boys and three girls.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. DAVIDSON: And just to be clear, the boys kind of paved the way –

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh?

MR. DAVIDSON: --so they won some state-level competitions. In the last competition, they didn't win, the girls won. And so the girls made it possible then for the boys to go with them.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, that only proves one point, that you can go and beat the Punahous, the Iolanis and all of those.

MR. DAVIDSON: Absolutely, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Those big schools with the multimillion dollar budgets –

MR. DAVIDSON: Exactly.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --little Molokai Middle School can do the job. Thank you.

MR. DAVIDSON: That's right, yeah.

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CHAIR WHITE: Robert will be followed by Edwin Misaki.

MR. STEPHENSON: Aloha, Auntie Stacy.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MR. STEPHENSON: Aloha, Chair White and Council members. Thank you very much for being here. Tonight, I'm representing a number of different organizations. In a small community like this, we all have to wear multiple hats, so I'll try to be brief with my remarks. First, in representing the Molokai Chamber of Commerce--I'm the President of the Molokai Chamber—and we want to say, thank you, for all the work that you do and the programs that you folks fund. And one of the most noticeable and most important on the island is the MEO bus service that helps people get back and forth from the island for not only appointments, but a lot of people use that to go to their jobs, which really impacts the economic viability of our community, so thank you very much for that and all of the other programs. Another thing, Councilmember Victorino and Auntie Stacy, want to thank you for introducing the water development fee exemption bill for rural communities, which is another very important part not only for our families to be able to build their homes and get water service for an affordable fee, but it also helps to stimulate the building economy, because that small amount, that's only about a \$6,000 difference, some families, that makes the difference from them not being able to develop their home, so thank you. And we, the Chamber, stands in full support of that measure and will be testifying on Tuesday's hearing in that, so thank you very much for that. We'd also like to thank you for supporting the funding of an Office Economic Development and the grant that we're receiving this year, the Molokai Made in Hawaii new branding grant, and that's gonna help us to develop businesses here on Molokai. And that goes hand in hand with the Made in Maui Festival in helping our Molokai businesses to attend. So on the Destination Molokai Visitors Bureau—I'm a board member there—and we want to say, thank you very much for funding Destination Molokai Visitors Bureau and Maui Visitors Bureau and the increased funding that has helped to promote our island as a destination for the rest of the world. And the other organization I'm representing tonight, I've recently joined the team of Mokulele Airlines and we want to say--on behalf of Mokulele Airlines--thank you very much for your business. The County of Maui is one of our best customers. And we're very grateful for that. But the reason that I thought it important to talk to you folks tonight on behalf of Mokulele is, we want to find out how we can better serve you as the County of Maui and better serve our community. So as you folks hear things in the community and hear things, if you could please reach out to me, I'll leave my contact information with the Staff and let us know how we can better serve you folks, the County of Maui and the citizens of Maui County and Molokai. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Robert. And Ed will be followed by Lori Buchanan.

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MR. MISAKI: Aloha, Council Chair. Aloha, Council members. Welcome home, Stacy.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: ...*(Inaudible)*...

MR. MISAKI: For those of you who don't know, my name is Ed Misaki. I am the Director of Programs for The Nature Conservancy of Molokai. I've been with The Nature Conservancy of Molokai since its inception in 1983, so it's over 30 years. I'm also the Coordinator of the East Molokai Watershed Partnership. Every year I testify and the one main message that I wanna pass along to the Council is, really, really appreciate the support that you give to the Watershed Partnerships in Maui Nui. You know, there's a lot of politicians out there that talk about supporting the environment, supporting this, but nobody puts money to it; you guys put money to it every year. And usually, I don't ask for an increase, but this year I will. And the only reason I'm asking for an increase is because from what I've learned from the Department is that Molokai...they're trying to bring Molokai in line with the other partnerships on Maui. And so you guys have the line item, what we're currently getting. And so for a \$23,000 increase...and it cannot come at a better time because we're increasing the partnership. Right now, we have 17 new land areas, 9 new partners. We're expanding eastward; we're calling it the East Slope. We're gonna increase our management of those 17 land areas over 5,000 acres of quality, native watershed, you know, to sustain our water resources. So far we have a startup watershed management plan for the East Slope. We have CIP State funds available specifically for to fence up the watershed, and that's through the Governor's The Rain Follows the Forest campaign. We have a community working group called the Mana'e Mauka Working Group, which is made up of deep-rooted family members, and they are really giving a lot of input into the management and strategies for that management of those watershed areas. We have just hired an East Slope project manager. There's a lot of work to be done up there. So you can see, for \$23,000, that leverages a lot of action on the new, expanded East Slope. So I just wanna say, again, thank you for the annual support. I really appreciate it. It makes our job easier to know that we have, what I call, sustainable funding, and I really appreciate it. By the way, I can't make it tomorrow, but please enjoy your field trip tomorrow. And you guys are all welcome, just give me a call. She'll let you guys know when she's done it.

CHAIR WHITE: Edwin, you mentioned the leveraging.

MR. MISAKI: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: The 23,000, are there any matching funds or is it all in-kind...

MR. MISAKI: Oh, no, the...you know, the one thing about County funds, because it's generated through County sources, you know, you can use it for State match, you can use it for federal matches, you know, the Governor CIP funds, you know, they probably wanna see what kinda other funds are involved. And I must say, I just talked to Edna today, and we figured out that the Department of Water Supply, through your appropriation, provides about 20 percent of our funding on Molokai; that's a huge amount. So thank you again.

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CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think it's important for everyone to know that Maui County contributes significantly more than the other counties do for the protection of watersheds and invasive species and everything else. I'm not telling you anything you don't already know, but the other counties don't do quite as much. And when the...I believe there was some EPA funding last year that needed to be spent fairly quickly, and I believe Maui County got about three-quarters of the funding because –

MR. MISAKI: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: --Maui County could spend it and the others didn't have programs in place to move the money. So we all appreciate what you do to protect our water supply and our natural environments, so --

MR. MISAKI: Thank you. So the number is 210.

CHAIR WHITE: --210, okay.

MR. MISAKI: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: That's with the 23?

MR. MISAKI: That's \$23,000 more.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. MISAKI: Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ed. And Lori will be followed by Timmy Leong.

MS. BUCHANAN: Alright. Good evening and thank you, Honorable Council members. Excuse me, I think I caught one cold, must've been from Ella. I just wanted to follow up on what Ed had said, in support. They have been moving forward gangbusters, but that brought up an important aspect of us being so appreciative of your continued funding. Every year we say, the State should do more, the State should do more. They took your TAT, they put a cap, you want to get that money back. Well, I have spent a lot of time in the square building on Oahu this year trying to do that. We were successful in getting a majority package bill for \$5 million to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council which would--and crossing fingers it's gonna pass conference—that would put more money in for next year than has ever been in there before. And, of course, we always go there and we say, Maui County is setting the standard for everybody statewide when it comes to the environment. And along those lines, I see, since the Charter had been amended and changed in the Environmental Management division, now it's gonna have an environmental protection and sustainability program. I'm sure it reads to be great, awesome stuff. You know,

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anything for conservation, we would love to do it if the money's available to do it. And we know that we have the smartest County Council in all of the state and that we all very common-sense thinkers and we know we would never wanna duplicate services. And so, moving forward, when you trying to form and fund the whole division, like you did with the watershed initiative coming in and saying they needed \$11 million on an annual basis, that's all new money you gotta find, it's not old money, it's new money. So just know that for the Invasive Species Committee, we're still doing our job, we're still going strong and we're not letting the State off the hook. We pounding on doors, we knocking on doors and we asking for them to step up to the plate and to get on board where Maui County is in protecting their environment, so I wanted to thank you very much for that. But I did wanna mention the MOC and what a great job they do, and they've been doing a great job for years. You can come at any time of the day and look at the work they've done, and it's awesome. And then just one more thing: I know you have water woes right now for the County --

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. BUCHANAN: --thank you--and I don't know what the answer is, but I don't think it's \$12,000 water meters. And with the influx of so much Department of Defense in Hawaii in the past year and a projected movement of more Department of Defense, I would hope that the Federal Government would be more happy to try and chime in on basic water supply issues. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Lori. And Timmy Leong will be followed by Lynda Dudoit.

MR. LEONG: Hello. Welcome, Council members. Just like they say at the airport, you know, come here to slow down a little bit. But anyway, my name is Timmy Leong, and I'm here tonight to ask your support for the memorial down in Kalaupapa. As you heard the testimony of Boogie Kahilihiwa, you know, he's President of Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa, which I am also a member of. And that organization is made up of patients, family members of patients and friends. So one of the big things that the Ohana tries to do and continues to do is to reunite family members and descendants of patients that were sent to Kalaupapa. So the memorial is kind of a big part of this, you know, reunification process. And the reason for that is, you know, when Kalaupapa was established back in the 1860s, you know, to our present, there were about 8,000 patients that were sent there. Now, out of those 8,000 patients, you know, most of them were taken away from their family members and sent off. And out of those 8,000, there are probably 16 living. While we're still talking about numbers, out of those 8,000, only about 1,200 have headstones that identify where they're buried there. So, you know, if you do the math, the remainder of 'em are buried in unmarked graves in Kalaupapa. So the memorial is a way of, you know, kind of recognizing those people that were sent there. And I think it's really important. I mean in my case, along with some of the other members that I've talked to, you know, it kinda gives people a way to sort of reconnect with their ohana that was sent to Kalaupapa. In my case, I had family that were sent there in 1888, it was my great, great grandfather and two of his sons. And I'm here today kinda speaking to you. I mean this is the

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Maui County Council, you know, I know that Kalawao County is a separate county, but my great, great grandfather and his two sons were from Hana; so I'm here on their behalf, you know, to say, you know, it would be great, you know, if, you know, you folks could kokua them. And not only them, but I mean there were a lot of other patients sent from Maui County, too, you know, Molokai, Lanai and other parts of Maui.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MR. LEONG: So, whatever you can, you know, do to support, you know, the memorial, it's in its design and planning phase right now, so, you know, whatever monies that you could help with it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Timmy. And Lynda will be followed by Cheryl Corbiell.

MS. DUDOIT: I'm back. Good evening and thank you so much for coming to our island to hear me and my coworkers and others in the community. I'd like to say, thank you for your support. And I do watch all of you on TV now and then; you do speak very well, Mike. Anyway, I am an advocate at Hale Hoomalu. When I first moved to Molokai, they didn't have a theatre, but they had a shelter. I had been a victim, I'm a survivor and now I'm an advocate. I've been there several years, and believe me, we work hard to keep our shelter open, a safe place for our women and children. We go out and educate as much as we can. We talk domestic violence, and domestic violence is something that no one wants to speak about. Today, I stand before you and I wear the color purple. Purple is our color. If you don't see it on my wrist, you'll see it on my ears and you'll see it on my...here, okay. I stand before you now to ask for your continued support, and I pray that you feel what we feel. I need you to help us to help our community. Someone told me that if domestic violence ends, that means you'll be out of a job; and that's what we work for: to lose our job. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Lynda. And Cheryl will be followed by Greg Jenkins.

MS. CORBIELL: Thank you, Members of the Council, coming tonight. It's always special to see you here. I wanna especially recognize Councilman Victorino and Councilmember Crivello. And it's already been mentioned tonight, but want to support, and that is the water meters. All of the causes that you're hearing about tonight are really important to this community, but young families—and so this...I can honestly say this is not for self-interest, because I'm passed that in many, many, many years—but for young families to be able to afford to build a home and stay here is important. And if the infrastructure costs become too high, they're unable to do that. And so the percentage of a home, you know, I watch the land prices and stuff on Maui and it always hits home to me that with water meter costs being very, very high, it takes up a huge amount if you are buying a property that is 50 or 60 thousand dollars versus someone who's buying a property that's two or three or four hundred thousand dollars. And what that represents in terms of a meter cost to somebody on Molokai versus on another island. I know there's problems and so I commend you for finding ways to roll some of the issues of Maui into the

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issues we face here. So I support the lowering of the costs of the water meters to ensure that our young families can continue to afford to build a house here on Molokai. So thank you very much for coming.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Cheryl. And Greg will be followed by Kekoa Puhi.

MR. JENKINS: Aloha, Auntie Stacy, Chair White and Members of the Council Budget Committee. My name is Greg Jenkins. I'm a Fire Fighter III with the Maui County Fire Department. And I'm joined this evening by my fellow fire fighters, some of which will be also testifying. My primary reason for testifying this evening is to support our Fire Chief, Jeff Murray's request for the FY '15 Budget appropriations specific to Molokai. And that is one for a new pumper for the Pukoo Fire Station district. That truck is in much need of replacement and it's in a poor state of repair no matter how hard our mechanics work on it to keep it in good repair. It's in need of replacement, so we would appreciate your support on that request. And, secondly, is the request for full staffing for the Pukoo Fire Station. Since 1989, that fire station has been located at the Irwin Center in Pukoo, Molokai, and it's been staffed with only two fire personnel: a driver and a fire fighter I, no officer or full staffing is at that station. And so three simple reasons why this is a very important request is safety, both for the community and fire fighters; the overall service enhancement to our community islandwide; and the insurance rating for the public that will be improved by the full staffing of that station. In the past, we've requested staffing for the station, and due to technicalities, one technicality was they said the station was too small to house the full personnel complement and that's not correct, the station is very large and can accommodate the staffing increase. And, also, we wanna highlight and thank our Fire Chief. He is the first chief, Jeff Murray's the first chief to ever officially request staffing in the Budget for that station and we're very grateful of his support for the community and the fire fighters in doing so. And this year's request is the second time that he's made that effort and this is the furthest it's gone, so we really humbly ask for your support. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Greg. We have Kekoa Puhi next.

MR. PUHI: Good evening, Committee Members. My name is Kekoa Puhi, and I had the fortunate privilege and honor to not only serve Maui County, but work with these guys and serve Molokai. With that being said, yes, we're all in favor for additional manning for the station up at Puukoo. I'm not sure if any of you had gone up, but I know Auntie Stacy, I think Mr. Victorino --

CHAIR WHITE: I've been there.

MR. PUHI: --I think Mr. Couch...and you've been up there, Chair? And when only two guys come out to shake your hand, that's because there's only two guys...so, you know, Maui County has upwards of 18 companies, 14 stations and that's the only one that does not have a full staff. Their job's the same, the incidents they go to are the same, but they gotta do twice as much with more; that puts their lives in jeopardy sometimes their safety, but not only that, the individual we are working on and the public in general. So we all support the additional manning and

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...(inaudible)... thank you. Any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: Questions, Members? No. Thank you very much, Kekoa. Next is Jason Gamiao.

MR. GAMIAO: Good evening, Chair and Council members. My name is Jason Gamiao. I'm a fire engineer in Kaunakakai, but I'm here in support of the new tanker that's in the Budget. But most importantly, the extra staffing at Puukoo Fire Station. All of our safety protocols, all our fire tactics is based on having five people on that truck. So, you know, having more manning there will just help us do what we train to do. And, on a different note, I am a part owner of the Ahupuaa of Honomuni. So I wanna say I'm in support of the East Molokai Watershed Partnership. As a part owner, I can speak on the behalf of the other owners that we believe management of the introduced species: the feral game, invasive species, is the first step in protecting our native forests and a first step in taking care of our watershed. So I thank you for your support. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jason. I believe the next one is Henry...is it Lind or Lindo?

MR. LINDO: Lindo.

CHAIR WHITE: Lindo, okay. The O is very small.

MR. LINDO: Yeah, sorry, that's chicken scratch that. But thanks, Chairman and Council members for allowing us to talk. I kinda wish I could go ahead and write something out for this, so I'll just grab what's on my mind, what's on my heart and...you know what? Thank you for you guys, first of all, yeah, your support for this department over the many years, yeah. Your support has been instrumental in moving our department forward in a way of facilities, in a way of training, you know, taking us from where we were before to where we are today. And I got to spend my first 14 years in the department from the mid '90s, I'm a second-generation fire fighter here on Molokai, raised on Molokai; but I spent 14 years on Maui, so I watched the progress on that island. I was able to perform at many functions at a couple of different stations. Though, what is amazing to me is being able to come back home spending the past five years and seeing how much our fire fighters did with the limited amount of staffing and resources. And it's totally amazing when you look at the past fires, they didn't lose houses with the amount of people that you got. You got 13 people on the staff at any one time and, you know, that's without call-back personnel. So what happens on the east end is, in order to keep up on the training, we gotta bring our guys, because they don't have a full staff, they only have a driver and a fire fighter. I'm the Captain down in Kaunakakai Station; I'm responsible for the east end. But basically, we put the responsibility of a Captain on the driver, so with two personnel, they show up to an accident scene, they show up to some kind of emergency, they have to make Captain's choices as well as be a fire fighter and perform and, you know, that's hard. So for the community out there, by having a full staff, that would allow training to increase, that would allow the community out there and, you know, you can't put a price tag on people's lives, yeah. It's about...I know it's about funding, it's always about funding, it's about monies. But you can't, you know, time and

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people's lives is priceless. So, you know, we ask you for your support, we thank you, you know, we've been lucky over how old that these many years, you know what? God's been good to this community, yeah, but also with your help. So we thank you. I hope I conveyed enough and, you know, God bless you all. Take care.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Henry. Thank you very much for your testimony. And the next testifier is Shari Lynn, followed by David Burrows.

MS. LYNN: Aloha, Council members. Thank you for sticking it out this far, this long. I see your shoes are off already, as were mine and yours.

CHAIR WHITE: And I just realized that...

MS. LYNN: You know when you go somewhere on the continent, you always know the island people 'cause they don't have their shoes on after about ten minutes, yeah. Well, I represent...my name is Shari Lynn and I represent Ka Hale Pomaikai. We're a substance abuse treatment, sober housing and recovery support on the east end of Molokai. Everybody knows how damaging addiction is, so I don't wanna talk about that. What I wanna talk about is the power of recovery and how awesome that is. And standing here with me we have just in this little package here, of course not counting him yet, but just in this group of people that we have right here, us three, we have over 54 almost 55 years of sobriety of no drugs, no alcohol; that's an awesome thing, you know, to be able to share with you folks. I'd like to talk a little bit about sustainability as well. What we have here ...*(inaudible)*... what we have here is some third-generation black bean seeds. Now, basically, we all know what is black beans, right. So we put black beans in the ground, the non-GMO, organic black beans, we put 'em in the ground, we grew 'em, they were a lovely bush bean. Mayor came over couple years whatever ago and I packed him up with a bunch of bush beans and he went home, he was all delighted. Then we ate them, then we let them dry and they turned into black beans, 'cause that's what they were. And then we, you know, have them here so we can make chili and whatnot. And then we put 'em back in the ground again, and grew again. And this is third generation. So the County of Maui has supported us in this endeavor which is part of our recovery program as well. And that's why I wanted to actually share with you folks. And there's gonna be a couple left over in the bag. And if you wouldn't mind, bringing some back to Rudy and Lynn. I think they would appreciate that, too, 'cause they've been really supportive of our work as well. This is Ruthie.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

CHAIR WHITE: Hi Ruthie.

MS. LYNN: She's our success story of the day. And this is Tim, he's our success story as well. And I guess that's about all I wanna say. Thank you for your continued support. We're delighted to have this opportunity to share with you.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Shari. And following Mr. Burrows, we're gonna give our okoles a break.

MR. BURROWS: Hello. My name is Koa Burrows and I'm here on...I guess that water meter situation here on Molokai. And I hope you guys give Auntie Stacy your guys' full support of either finding some kind of exemption or just lowering the price whatsoever, because people, \$12,500 is totally ridiculous, let me tell you, you know. I don't where I going find \$12,000 for one water meter. And I hear everybody, they come over there, they tell you guys, thank you, eh. One day, I going come back and I hope I tell you guys, thank you. But, right now, you know, try find one way for lower that price of that water meter, and if you guys can hurry up, 'cause I need water. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, David. And, with that, we're gonna take a five-minute recess. ...*(gavel)*...

RECESS: 7:58 P.M.

RECONVENE: 8:14 P.M.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .*(gavel)*. . . This sounds so much better than on the tables we use on Maui. Okay, let's get started. Thank you so much for hanging out with us this late evening. The next testifier is Darlene Johns. She will be followed by Colleen Lightfoot.

MS. JOHNS: Aloha. Thank you for allowing me this time. I would like to testify on two topics. First topic is regarding the water meter. Congratulations to Councilmembers Stacy Crivello and Michael Victorino for bringing this issue forward and truly working for the people of Molokai and other economically challenged areas. I am here to support that exemption of the water meter rates going up and can confirm the economic challenges on Molokai based on my own experience. My minimum...oh, did I tell you my name? My name is Darlene Kumukoa Johns, this is my husband, Ted. I am here in support of the bill and can confirm the economic challenges of Molokai based on my own experience. My minimum wage job has not seen an increase in the three years that I've worked there, and my husband's line of work would command twice the amount on Maui. Therefore, we are in favor of the exemption, which would be appropriate with Molokai's economics and I pray for a positive decision from the Budget Committee. Secondly, I understand that the Fiscal Year '15 Maui County Budget is proposed at \$622 million of which around \$509 million is operating budget. Some of that budget is slated for capital improvements, such as roads, parks, water systems and more affordable housing. In my situation, there is a fire hydrant 350 feet west of my driveway and 350 feet east my driveway, a total of 750 [*sic*] feet apart and not within fire code for my residential districts. Fire hydrants are 350 feet incrementally all along Kamehameha V Highway in either direction except where my driveway is located. However, I cannot get my building permit to build my home for permanent residency on my own fee simple aina left to me by my mother unless I install a fire hydrant next to my driveway which abuts Kamehameha V Highway, a State highway. This fire hydrant that I

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am required to install will close the gap along Kamehameha V Highway and be in compliance with 14.05.090 Code, Maui Code. Therefore, I would like to request that some of the Fiscal Year '15 capital improvement budget be slated to afford the basic infrastructure along Kamehameha V Highway. The surrounding neighbors: the Kekahunas, the Kilipis, the Mokoaus will all benefit from the installation of this fire hydrant on milepost 12.9 east end of Molokai.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. JOHNS: Thank you. Mahalo for your time --

CHAIR WHITE: You got another minute.

MS. JOHNS: --and consideration for a positive outcome. Thank you very much. Any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: You know, you bring up one of the fundamental unfairnesses of the Water Code where people, if they wanna build, they've gotta put in significant water infrastructure --

MS. JOHNS: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: --and that is something that we need to address.

MS. JOHNS: Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for bringing it up.

MS. JOHNS: Thank you for your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Colleen Lightfoot will be followed by Kalola Kaulili.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Hi, good evening, Council members. My name is Colleen Lightfoot. I was born and raised on Molokai. I am a survivor of domestic violence, and I am here to thank you for your continued support with our Hale Hoomalu women's shelter and ask that you continue to support, because without the women's shelter, being the only one that we have here on the island, I wouldn't be here today. And they do so much and they prevent women like me from dying every day. And they go out of their way and they spend time outside of work, spend their own money and give continuous effort throughout the community to educate and help and spread the domestic violence awareness. And if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here. My kids, you know, I probably wouldn't have my kids. I would've been homeless, got my kids taken away. And they gave me a place to stay when I had nowhere else to go. I left my situation with nothing. And they gave me a shelter, they gave me support, they gave me education, which was like the number one was I didn't know anything about domestic violence if it wasn't for them. And all of these women here, can I have them all stand up, please? These are my moms. Stand

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up. You guys need a round of applause because...they have done so much for me, and they have supported me from the beginning to the end. And they do it for all of us women here on Molokai. And I mean they work so hard and, you know, them getting funding for their housing is...you can't...I can't even imagine how to explain it, because to leave somewhere without a 24-hour notice and have nothing but a bag of clothes and you and your kids and have no money, no nothing, they provided everything for me, a bed, bedding, blankets, pillows, everything to bathe with, food to feed my kids and safety was number one. I was not scared for the first time. Being there, they provided that for me. And a lot of people see it as, oh my gosh, it's a prison because it's guarded with barbed wire. It was a good reason why it was there, you know, and I appreciate it so much. And it was needed and it's needed for a lot of women here. And, you know, a lot of the times you think this is Molokai, you know, everybody has family, they have places to go. But when you're in a domestic violence situation a lot of the times, they scare you into not turning anywhere. And like Auntie said in the beginning, Auntie Wanette said, when you're in a domestic violence shelter, that's all you know. It becomes you, that's all you know. You don't let anything outside of that, and so you become scared to turn to anybody else: your family, your friends because sometimes they get threatened, you know, they threaten your family and your friends and you don't know where to go, because you don't wanna turn to your mom or aunts or uncles –

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: --you know. And so having them is the best thing for this island and please continue to support them and thank you for your time. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Colleen, congratulations for having the strength to leave the relationship.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Kalola will be followed by Tania.

MR. SPENCER: Tania.

MS. KAULILI: Aloha, Chairman, Council members. I'm Kalola Kaulili. And just getting up here this evening was hard enough, but to come after Colleen is even harder. But Colleen is...this is what we work hard for, to have a survivor. It's not easy, the work that we do, but to see a woman come out of a bad relationship is worth everything. I've been with the shelter for seven years. I'm a part-time advocate on weekends. During the week, I work for the County of Maui as the Building Permit Clerk, but tonight I am here in support of Hale Hoomalu. And you've heard a lot of services that we provide. One of the things I wanna bring to your attention is, over the past two, two-and-a-half years we have seen the highest number of women and children come through our shelter in all the years that we'd been open. This speaks for itself that the shelter here on Molokai is greatly needed. And we appreciate the continued support we've had over the years. And, you know, we hope to be able to continue receiving the assistance, so we can

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continue to provide the services for Molokai. So mahalo for all your support and thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Kalola. Our next testifier is Tania. Thank you, Jacob.

MS. JOAO: Thank you, Jacob. Good evening, Council members.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. JOAO: My name is Tania Joao, and I'm the Executive Director of MOC. I've been with that agency for nine months as the current Executive Director, and prior to that, I was a board member for about a year and a half. First of all, I'd like to thank the Council for the long-term partnership that you folks have created with MOC. Charlotte had indicated earlier tonight that the partnership has gone beyond the 15 years on that. The funding has allowed MOC to continue the community based type of rehabilitation program, more specifically, employing individuals with disability. The agency, although it has a plethora of services we provide to the community, more specifically, the fundings that some are provided by the Council has been geared towards the janitorial services, the landscaping maintenance as well as some of the County cars that we wash there. If you look throughout the island and you look at all the parks from Halawa, Kakahia Park, Kilohana, we're talking about One Aliis I and II, we have Maunaloa, not only do we take care of the parks, but we also take care of all of the recreation centers that's associated with that; and so it's a wide area in which we provide. Tonight I was proud, because most of those individuals, those beneficiaries of the grant has appeared before you. A lot of them, oftentimes, don't even come out because what they've been working towards in the community is working on removing the stigma that's associated with people with disabilities. Through this process, it hasn't only impacted them on the financial side of it. When you look at them as a person, the whole persona has changed in that we've instilled pride and ownership in what they do. One of the young men had told me recently that they are proud. And the fact that they can go out there and appear in the community, not only be socially integrated, but they can show that they can work in competitive employment like everyone else. And I think this is one of the optimized opportunities that we've had in providing that type of services to those individuals. It's my hope that we continue our partnership as you folks consider the line items and the different budgets that's been set before you folks. I'd also like to inform you folks that MOC has 36 staff members. And out of the 36, 16 of those individuals have disabilities. And so when you look at that, too, you look about a 36, closer to 40 percent, ratio on staffingwise. I think we've been successful in that area and making the mission of MOC, which has been changed recently to, providing people with disabilities the opportunity to live, learn, work and play in the community of their choice. I'd like to thank you for your time, yeah. Questions?

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Tania. Are the...what is the makeup of the 36, part-time versus full-time?

MS. JOAO: We have about...75 percent of them are part-time. We look at them and we create the individualized employment plan. We consider the disability and we look at some of the benefits

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that's being affected by that. We look at exactly what they're trying to accomplish through their employment opportunities. I'd also like to say that MEO has been a great partnership with us in that we've utilized MEO services to enhance some of those trainings. For example, years ago, MOC was noted for picking up the clients from the homes and almost enabling them. Today, we utilize the services of MOC so that...excuse me, MEO, so that now they can get out and come to work using the bus services. We're working with them on looking at the budgeting when you're looking at the high prices of gas. You know, so it's a totality approach in those individuals as a result of the funding.

CHAIR WHITE: If you wouldn't mind and I'd appreciate it if you would send me just a rough estimate of the hours that your staff works, because I know you're taking care of a lot of ground and, you know, this is like Imua Rehab on –

MS. JOAO: Maui.

CHAIR WHITE: --Maui. This, to me, is a real investment, because you're taking care of our parks and we're taking care of people who are taking care of our parks.

MS. JOAO: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And so I know this Committee has been very supportive of the work you do and the work that Imua does and I think it's one of the better investments that we can make. So I would appreciate it if you can just share some of those numbers. And you can send it directly to my office. And –

MS. JOAO: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: --my e-mail is mike.white@mauicounty.us.

MS. JOAO: I certainly will, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you very much for coming tonight. Okay. Jacob, you're up.

MR. SPENCER: Thanks, Mike, Sr.; tell Jr. I said, hello.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Alright, bruddah.

MR. SPENCER: Aloha. My name is Jake Pua Spencer. I work for Molokai Occupational Center. I'm here to represent all the facilities, such as the Kaunakakai Gym, two One Alii parks, Kilohana Rec., Kualapuu Rec. and Halawa. And I would like to know when are the other five facilities gonna be renovated. I'm also here to support the landfill hours. Board members, please ask the Environmental Management board to extend the hours to 4:30 and add one more day instead of decreasing from 4:30 to 2:30. And I'm also here to support the Youth Center because I'm a

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volunteer over there, and I would like to thank Parks and Rec. for hiring me for pressure washing the whole entire facility. All the gums is gone. The kids chew gum; bye bye, it's gone. They're very happy with me. I am proud of my services, I'm proud of the Parks and Rec. supervisor for hiring me, yeah, yeah. Anything else? Shoot.

CHAIR WHITE: Jacob, we come to Molokai just to hear your testimony.

MR. SPENCER: Anything else? Locker rooms and showers in the gymnasium, could you guys add that for the volleyball and basketball players?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That all, Jacob?

MR. SPENCER: Yeah, I think that's it.

CHAIR WHITE: Way to go, Jacob.

MR. SPENCER: That's it. Look, I did it so fast. I nevah even had to worry about three-minute time, yeah, yeah. I'm a fast talker.

MS. ROSS: Aloha. My name is Tammy Lynn Ross. I work with Jacob. And I'm here...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: ...*(Inaudible)*...

MS. ROSS: Tammy Lynn Ross. And I'm here to testify on two topics. One is MOC. And I'm just requesting that guys continue funding, because they do provide a lot of opportunity for the disabilities. And I've seen on numerous occasions, you know, the commitment and dedication that they have towards their hard work and in providing services to the different facilities that was mentioned earlier by Tania and by Charlotte Seales. My second topic I would like to shed light on is the Molokai East Watershed Partnership. Currently, there's a proposed management plan for the east side of Molokai. They wanna fence up from Kamalo to Halawa Valley, but it's a proposed plan and I'm here to testify in opposition of that plan. I've already sent this letter that I'm about to read, it's my own letter. I've already sent it to Senator Kalani English and the Senators on the Ways and Means. So I'm just gonna read my letter. E ke hoa aloha aina. This is a letter to contest the Molokai East Slope Watershed Management Plan. My name is Tammy Lynn Ross; and as a spokesperson on behalf of my family, we strongly contest the Molokai East Slope Watershed Management Plan. As a lineal descendant of Kailiwai, the original Konohiki, awardee of the ahupuaa of Kahananui from King Kauikeouli in the Mahele on my mother's side and a kuleana descendant in Halawa Valley and Pohakupili on my father's side do not agree with this project. We are landowners and, therefore, taxpayers and voting citizens. We know, as a fact, as active community volunteers, that a potential alternative, cultural-based, management plan has not been given the proper respect and attention it deserves or even respectfully considered. I have witnessed fights and disrespect towards any other plan, therefore, bullying the common people. This is a list of the reasons we oppose. There is not completed finished

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proposal. No permits have been given for this plan, EIS an environmental impact statement for a special management area and a CIA, cultural impact assessment. There are other alternative plans. The Aha Kiolo does not represent the view of my family in mana`e. The negative impact on the streams. The negative impact on cultural and religious sites.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. ROSS: Continued...okay. Well, is there any way that I could give...

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, you can give us a copy of that –

MS. ROSS: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: --to the Staff, and they'll be happy...

MS. ROSS: And then I also have a copy of a ahupuaa management plan that'll also be attached to this letter, okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And would you please...I let you testify, but you haven't signed up. So if you can just sign the paper, please? Our next testifier is Sonya Yuen. Sonya Yuen? Okay. Pat Tamashiro? And Pat will be followed by Fred Aki.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Thank you for coming to Molokai. My name is Pat Tamashiro. I am with the American Red Cross here on the island for about six-plus years. We respond to the Japan tsunami, also a number of fires, floods and other issues that come up on Molokai. We can't always help, but we do try to do what we can because certain things are within our spectrum. So this has been very...I saw a lack in the service for this year on Molokai. I was recruited by one of my sisters on Maui who is very active with the Red Cross there and also with the MCC and other things there and became involved. Lester Keanini is our DAT captain; he is currently on Maui, so I will be the next here on Molokai in command. We have just gone through some very good training to recruit more people here on the island, but we still need more. I will bring up something I probably shouldn't, but I will anyway since I'm here. We are currently in the gymnasium; we have a small office there that's been there for about 30-plus years. It used to have a sign until they painted the gym and then they took it down. Most people didn't even know we were there, including the County. We do keep some of our supplies there in case of disasters and things like that. I have been nagging a number of people to try and get some type of storage unit up near the fire station in Hoolehua because it's out of the inundated zone should we have another tsunami. And Monsanto has...they previously offered a container to us, but trying to go through the channels through our Maui office have been quite difficult. I kind of thought that would be a good location because it is manned 24 hours with the Fire Department there, it really doesn't need a lot of supervision, it would just be a small container to hold tents, emergency supplies, things that the Red Cross uses to disperse to open up shelters and things here on the island. You folks have any questions?

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CHAIR WHITE: Questions, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. So you're trying to work through Maui's American Red Cross through the...

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yeah, to get a...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Try explain that, 'cause I was trying to figure out what you're telling me.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Well, we've brought up the subject a number of times –

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MS. TAMASHIRO: --and there seems to be some kind of a problem there.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yeah, so...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Contact me. I'd like to get a little bit more information, please.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Okay. Sure. And...yes?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. Thank you for sharing. So you have an opportunity to have a donated container –

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --to store all your emergency items --

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --but you don't have the land base to park it or...

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. Is that something that you're trying to...

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MS. TAMASHIRO: That's something that I have brought up for the past three or four years, because we're in an inundated zone --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

MS. TAMASHIRO: --or the line is in the parking lot of the Police Station.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

MS. TAMASHIRO: I don't question Mother Nature, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah.

MS. TAMASHIRO: But something a little higher for some of the storage of that. But I'll just put that out there since I'm here. As something that you may hear about somewhere along the line. I keep bringing it up with Michele at our main office on Maui, but I don't seem to...I get the runaround about it, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. So maybe we can talk story --

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --some other time when I come back home, 'cause the emergency...there's another container, right, with FEMA.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And maybe that can be, you know, abutted.

MS. TAMASHIRO: A joint effort or something, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah, a joint effort. Okay.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

MS. TAMASHIRO: And, also, I would like to mention that I'm very grateful for the fire station at Pukoo, because I have a premature grandchild that lives nearby; and, you know, it gives me some sign of relief. I live in town that, you know, if there was an emergency, they would be able to respond. And, also, the Head Start program, the MEO bus system is becoming a very good thing here on the island of Molokai. And also, regarding the Molokai East end Watershed, I, too,

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have some concerns in the way business has been conducted in the past, and I do understand what this young lady was talking about. And, you know, just to have some...to step back and have a broader picture of what goes on there and the limitations for gathering, for hunting, even some talk of them going all over, running things down to the ocean where no one would...only certain people would be allowed to go fishing and certain people would allowed to be go hunting. And, no, we no like see favoritism kind things, yeah. I'm always been a very strong supporter of watershed concepts –

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

MS. TAMASHIRO: but I don't want it to be something that abuses the community.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah. If I may comment? And hopefully that...I'm going to ask to participate in some of the community discussions. We were...I was one of the first people involved in the first East Watershed out from Kamalo and going that way. And we also had, you know, typical our island, right, you going have plenty hakaka –

MS. TAMASHIRO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --and you not going please everybody, but I think the most important thing is that we can come on the table and find a solution. I'm trying to understand from you and whether it's hearsay or your understanding, how does the watershed interfere with the gathering rights of makai?

MS. TAMASHIRO: I'm hearing that it's going to be...makai side it's...they have...they're connecting other things to it all the way from Moomomi side coming around to Halawa...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. Is that the watershed project –

MS. TAMASHIRO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --or is that the Aha Moku or the Aha Kiolo?

MS. TAMASHIRO: It's...they're trying to combine it, and I see a lot of intimidation, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, okay.

MS. TAMASHIRO: So, I know they all need to work together. I understand that, but...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right. Okay. I'm just trying to see...trying to understand if it's...

MS. TAMASHIRO: If they can keep it separate, it's fine –

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MS. TAMASHIRO: --but it seems to be merging somehow, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MS. TAMASHIRO: So, you know, if this defined area is in defined situation, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. Thank you, yeah.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So we'll talk story after if you going be hanging around a bit.

MS. TAMASHIRO: Okay. And...yes?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, we need to stick to the Budget.

MS. TAMASHIRO: I do understand that.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you so much for your testimony.

MS. TAMASHIRO: And, also, I do believe my family would be greatly appreciative if you can make some accommodations regarding meters and things of that sort. So, okay, thank you very much, aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Pat. The next testifier is Fred Aki followed by Suliana Aki.

MR. AKI: Aloha. My name is Fred Aki. Talking on behalf of Na Opio O Molokai. We started our Movie Nights for Hoolehua community about two years ago. We've successfully run it about 16 times. We started off everything out of pocket using a lot of our...just our funds that we started off with from our association. We all started off with seven members, we're now up to 14 and seven of 'em are youth. We stretched out our movie night project and we created an open market for the community, which is now known as the Makeke. It also runs on the same day as the Movie Night, so we run the Makeke during the morning session, and then we stay there all the way to the night session and we provide drug-free events for our youth in that area. Many years ago there was a youth center up there. We put that in our goals for this upcoming future projects. Kind of our goals for Na Opio was basically just to provide safe, like, family-orientated projects for our youth. We've successfully ran a Easter egg event for our Easter program; that was project leaded by my wife, Suliana, and she'll speak more on that later. We've received funds from the County to alleviate most of our costs, our over-the-top costs. We're now with a standing of 15 vendors, all from the community, and hopefully our future goals for that is to have them become small business or home business. So that's about it. If you guys got any questions.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you, Fred. Seeing none. And Suliana will be followed by Poncho Alcon.

MS. AKI: Aloha. My name is Suliana Aki. I was born on Oahu, but raised her all my life, and Fred is my husband. He's actually from Kauai, but...which is my second-favorite island. Anyways, I also came here on behalf of the Na Opio O Molokai group which is supported through the Ahupua'a O Moloka'i. We just came to thank you guys for that small grant that we received to provide community events. Like he said, the Makeke and the Movie Night, and to be able to allow the community to bring in income and hopefully again start off small businesses and whatnot so they can become taxpayers. And I also wanted to talk on behalf of couple other organizations. I also am a community volunteer with Patty for Red Cross. I still feel so like an infant because I am fairly new and I only gotten to help with, like, one opening of the shelter up at the high school, but I feel that it's very needed and we thank you for your support. And that would be something awesome to get our supplies up in the Hoolehua area, you know, somewhere near the gym or the Christian Academy, which we usually open shelters at. And I support MEO Transportation. MOC, I used to work there. Me and my husband used to be support workers. In fact, he used to work with Jacob, so him and Jacob...we're all friends; and he comes to all our events, so he's like a number one fan. We also...seven family homes, we built on Homestead and we did get a County grant from that, so we appreciate that. It was called Molokai Affordable Housing, but anyways. Our houses are done, we're just waiting final inspections from the County inspector, and we should be moving in by the end of the month if not, first week in May. Matt is our contractor and has helped us very much. I'm sure there's a lot of other people that mentioned stuff, like the Fire guys, I support them. And last but not least, we have a two-year-old son and he'll be going to school soon, not too soon, but soon. And we're in support of Head Start. So hopefully he can be able to start school sooner than later instead of kindergarten. Thank you guys for your time. Thank you, Auntie Stacy for all your love and support for Molokai. And thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Suliana. And following Poncho we will have Lyndon Dela Cruz.

MR. ALCON: Aloha. My name is Poncho Alcon. Chairman, fellow Council members, thank you for coming to Molokai. I don't think you heard too much tonight about any unworthwhile project on Molokai. We wanna thank you for supporting all of them and we ask for your continued support. Thank you for finally paving our road at Kamililoa Heights after 20 years. You know, we used to always kid...or the Mayor used to always kid us, say, "geez, your wife works for the Councilmen" and say, "how come you guys..."; we said, "we don't know. They when pave 'em up to his house and that was it, we nevah get paved after that." But thank you very, very much, everybody's happy up at the Heights. I wanted to support the Fire Department's request for a full station up at Pukoo for one reason. When I first came into the insurance industry, some of the carriers I represented wouldn't write in the east end. And soon as that substation came in, they started to write. And the premium savings is gonna be quite substantial if it goes to four and it becomes a standard fire station up in that area. And food for thought, you might wanna think

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about putting a substation up at Maunaloa to kinda help those guys, because some of the carriers are stopping writing Maunaloa because of the distance to the Hoolehua Fire Station. I would also like to ask you to support the Maui Police Department's request for funds for the new site for the Molokai Police Department. Couple things come to mind: one is, the Kaunakakai area is in an inundation area, and secondly, the traffic going in and out of town in emergencies could be pretty bad depending on what time it happens. You've got the school on one road and you got the town on the other side, so either way, you know, it's just, you know, a bad thing waiting to happen. But I think it's important that we maybe start looking at that. And, by doing that it'd be...I think the site they're looking is going to be more centralized and they'll be up high where they could probably do a command center there as opposed to moving it somewhere else when a tidal wave comes in. Otherwise, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Poncho. The next testifier is Lyndon, and followed by Stewart Morgan.

MR. DELA CRUZ: Good evening...oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR WHITE: That's alright.

MR. DELA CRUZ: Good evening, Council member...Chairman, Auntie Stacy. My name is Lyndon Dela Cruz, and I'm here on behalf of the Molokai Humane Society. I'm the President of the board there. Usually, Hoala Davis is, our Executive Director, and she usually speaks on behalf of the Humane Society, but she is on Oahu, you know, for some unfortunate situation, but she'll be back. First of all, we would like to thank you for all of your support in the years past with the Humane Society. I've been the President almost two years, and we have come a long way. And we'd been in contact with Auntie Stacy and talking to her a lot, and I'm sure with you, too, Hoala has been contacting you guys. And again, we'd like to thank you so much for your help and all your guys' knowledge in helping us walk this walk that we are doing. Hoala has provided you with her testimony and five-year strategic plan for the Humane Society. We're hoping to do more and we humbly ask for your continued support for the animals of Molokai and so that we can more...we can continue to educate the public on raising an animal...pets. And even the domesticated farm animals and stuff like that. But that's all I really have to say. I don't know any much else. I'm hoping that you guys look at Hoala's testimony and five-year strategic plan. And, again, we thank you so much for all your support in the years prior and we humbly ask for your support in the future in continuing the Humane Society. God bless you all in Jesus' name. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony this evening. And Stewart Morgan will be followed by Penny Martin.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Stewart is...

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And is Penny Martin still here? Is there anyone else who would like to testify

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this evening that has not yet done so?

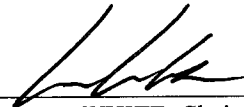
...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

CHAIR WHITE: Seeing no one come forward, I want to thank all of you for hanging out this late; and, with that, mahalo to Molokai and we are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 8:54 p.m.

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