

# BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

April 2, 2014

Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center, Social Hall

**CONVENE:** 6:12 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Mike White, Chair  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member  
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member  
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member  
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member  
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member  
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member (out 7:54 p.m.)

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member

**STAFF:** Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney  
Jordan Molina, Legislative Analyst  
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary

Troy Hashimoto, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Mike White  
Amanda Martin, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa  
Arthur Suyama, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Stacy Crivello  
Susan Clements, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr.

**ADMIN.:** Michael Molina, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor  
Robert Parsons, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Mayor

**OTHERS:** Patrick McGoldrick, Ambassador, Best Buddies  
Isabelle Mosbarger, President, Best Buddies  
Matt Wanderscheid, Ka Lima O Maui  
Ivan Kaawa, Ka Lima O Maui  
Ezra Kanaha, Ka Lima O Maui  
Kathleen V. Phillips, Kula AARP and Pukalani Community Association  
Raven Caires, Boys and Girls Club of Maui  
Jared Gilcoxa, Boys and Girls Club of Maui  
Jeremie Amano, Maui Economic Development Board  
James Sato, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)  
Maikai Kapahee Kaufman, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa  
Emery Jade Meyer-Wallets, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Youth Services)  
Rita Silva, Kula AARP and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)

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Jacelyn Freitas, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Youth Services)  
Jamie Gomes, Boys and Girls Club of Maui  
Hunter Urata, Hui Malama Learning Center  
Michael Siver, Upcountry Skateboard Alliance (Upcountry Skate Park)  
Gregory Sherman, Upcountry Skateboard Alliance (Upcountry Skate Park)  
Kourtney Kaya, President, Maui High School Band  
Marlena Cua, Maui High School Band  
Suzanne Burry, Co-Founder, Valley Isle Animal Rescue  
Mabel Lopes, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Transportation)  
Sydney Smith, President, Maui Coffee Association  
Chantal Ratte, Executive Director, Ka Lima O Maui  
Tanya Wong, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Rental Assistance)  
Haunani Moniz, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Rental Assistance)  
Alex DeRoode, Maui Economic Development Board  
Marilyn Cleghorn, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa  
Donald Reeser, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa  
Peter Tierney, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)  
Valerie Monson, Coordinator, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa  
Carolina Aguirre, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Enlace Hispano)  
Jamie Fitzpatrick, Director of Animal and Client Services, Maui Humane Society  
Maggie Fandre, Hui Malama Learning Center  
Pat Bily, The Nature Conservancy  
Sandy Ryan, Board President, Hui Malama Learning Center  
Diane Logsdon, Board Member, Maui Friends of the Library  
Ann Cua, President, Maui High School Band Booster  
Donna Clayton, President, Pukalani Community Association  
Doug MacCluer, Chair, Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District and Farm  
Bureau  
Audrey Guerrero, President, Heritage Hall  
Helen McCord, Board of Directors: Maui Youth and Family Services, Aloha House, and  
Malama Family Recovery  
Margaret Sneed, Assistant Program Director, Parent and Children Together (PACT)  
Nancy Johnson, Professor, University of Hawaii Maui College  
Sebastian J. Nola, Consultant, Maui Economic Development Board  
Shannon Paapanen, Program Data Assistant, East Maui Watershed Partnership  
Eric Amaral  
Marty Adler, Disaster Action Captain, Maui Red Cross  
Brian Ventura, Board Member, Hawaii Youth Soccer Association  
Adela Lua, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Enlace Hispano)  
Donna Sterling, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa  
Marisa Provost  
Robb Finberg, Hooilina Foundation  
Rodney Ryugo

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Givonn Osterneck, Field Crew Leader, East Maui Watershed Partnership  
Ben Wilson, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (Head Start Preschool)  
Leonard Hasse

Zak Pacholl, Club Director, Boys and Girls Club of Maui  
Jim St. James, Pukalani Community Association  
Dennis Burns, Co-Founder, Valley Isle Animal Rescue  
Kane Quinabo, Hui Malama Learning Center  
Jamie Kalawaia-Lindsey, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.  
Gretchen Cardoso, Upcountry Skateboard Alliance  
Petar Kovacic, Upcountry Skateboard Alliance  
Alison Hess, Upcountry Skateboard Alliance  
Steven Sutrov  
Sherman Baisa  
Others (74)

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

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(*gavel*). . . Good evening. This meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will please come to order. I want to welcome all of you to the Hannibal Tavares Center. It looks like we've got a great showing this evening. And to start us off I'd like to turn the microphone over to our Council Chair to introduce the Members that are with us this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good evening, everyone.

AUDIENCE: Good evening.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good evening and thank you for coming out. We really appreciate it. You know, you're starting the round of district meetings and we're kicking this off in great style Upcountry. I'm proud of us. So now the other districts have to do more, right? Anyway, it's my privilege to be the representative for the area. And so, I'd like to introduce the Members that are here tonight and I'll start over on this side. On the end here that's Elle Cochran from West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Next to Elle is Mike Victorino, Wailuku.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And we'll start on the other end here. We have Don Guzman, Kahului, and Stacy Crivello from Molokai. Come on guys, a big country welcome. And for Don Couch

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from South Maui. And I'm sure you all know Mike White and he's the Chair and he's Paia, Haiku, and Makawao.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm just going to do a very brief commercial. For those of you that would like something to drink or a little bite, please help yourselves in the back there. My Team Baisa is doing it as volunteers at no cost to the County. I want to make sure I say that because last year I heard somebody say who's paying for all this? It's all donated so enjoy yourselves and thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Gladys. I do want to note for the record that Bob Carroll is excused and Riki Hokama is excused as well. And Riki is on the mainland and Bob will be joining us as he heals. And this evening, we have Committee Secretary, Clarita Balala, to the left here; and Legislative Analysts, Jordan Molina, walking in that direction; and Carla Nakata, sitting with there, with Troy Hashimoto, who's my Administrative Assistant. And I'm sure we've got others here from Gladys' Office, we have Amanda Martin. Amanda, where are you? All the way back with the food. We've got Morris Haole from Bob Carroll's Office; Arthur Suyama from Stacy Crivello's Office; and Susan Clements, back with the food as well, from Don Couch's Office. And we're very much interested in hearing what all of you have to say this evening. Because there is a significant number of you signing up, we've decided to give you...it's usually three minutes, but we generally give an extra minute to finish up. But this evening we're going to give you the exact three minutes. So, we will give you a warning at two-and-a-half minutes. So, you get a warning that you got 30 seconds to wrap up. So, I apologize in advance for giving you a little more pressure, but I'm sure we'll get through it. And what usually happens is the larger organizations are nice enough to come up and testify as a group from time to time, so we'll certainly appreciate that this evening as has happened in the past. So, if any of you have cell phones please turn them off now. I'll make sure mines off.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good idea. Thank you for reminding me.

CHAIR WHITE: And when we...when I call the names I will call the testifier and the person who will testify next. So, if you're the person who's testifying next I would appreciate it if you would come and get near the microphone, and that will help us move through this easily, and make sure that everybody gets a chance to have their testimony heard. And if you...once you're done there may be questions from the Committee so please stay here while I ask if there are any questions. And if there are you may be up here a while. If there aren't then you'll be excused and we'll call the next one up. So, we look forward to hearing from you and without objections, Members, we will move ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay. One of the other rules that we have implemented that most of you are probably aware of is that we have children and, I believe, seniors who were given the ability to testify before others. So, this evening we've got this stack is not too bad. This is all the...all the folks that qualify for that. And then we've got about...well we'll see, we've got more coming. But we'll be here for a while and we're happy to be here. So, let's get started and the first testifier this evening is Patrick McGoldrick from Best Buddies followed by Isabelle Mosbarger.

**...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...**

MR. MCGOLDRICK: ... (*inaudible*)... microphone here?

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, you know, yeah, just come closer.

MR. MCGOLDRICK: Like this.

CHAIR WHITE: There you go, thank you.

MR. MCGOLDRICK: Okay, first let me say it's great to be back here again. Hi, everyone, my name is Patrick McGoldrick. I am...and I am a Best Buddies Ambassador. Before I was introduced to Best Buddies, I would not make eye contact with anyone. I was always frustrated and I didn't have the best social skills. Today I want to tell you about my journey with Best Buddies and how I improved myself. Best Buddies match's kids who have a disability with kids who don't. We're matched with a buddy. We get to know each other by doing stuff together. I have done so many exciting things since joining Best Buddies. My chapter is through Seabury Hall. I've met some really great buddies there. They are always friendly and we go to dances, hikes, and parties. I also met the Governor of Hawaii at the Day at the Capitol this year. Because of Best Buddies, I am a nice, funny, and outgoing guy. I always look people in the eye and I feel comfortable and like making new friends. I began my training to become an Ambassador about three years ago. I went to two leadership conferences in Indiana. When I was there I got to meet the Best Buddies founder. His name is Anthony Shriver. I also met Lauren Potter who is a TV star in Glee. I am hoping to go to the leadership conference again this year. When I go to the conference I stay in the Indiana University College dorm with the rest of the guys. We go to classes to learn how to give speeches to help more kids become a buddy to someone special. During the last conference, I was asked to shoot a commercial for Best Buddies. It was really cool to work with the director in the studio. Best Buddies is an amazing organization. I hope you will give us your support because we sure need it. Please support the Mayor's budget request for Best Buddies. Thanks for listening.

CHAIR WHITE: Your eye contact is great and your delivery is fabulous. And thank you, Patrick. Any questions for Patrick? Seeing none, thank you, Patrick.

MR. MCGOLDRICK: All right.

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CHAIR WHITE: And Isabelle will be followed by Matt Wanderschild or Wanderscheid. Isabelle, please proceed.

MS. MOSBARGER: Hi, I'm Isabelle Mosbarger and I'm the Best Buddies President at King Kekaulike High School, Upcountry here. And so for those of you that don't know what Best Buddies is. We're...we support inclusion for people with special needs. We pair one-to-one friendships with kids with intellectual and developmental disabilities with people without. And you have your best buddy and then you get to know them, and we have socials, and these parties, and every month, and you go to see them during class time, and breaks, and stuff like that. And so, it supports inclusion. My best buddy is Taysia Hoopai King and she has changed my life over the last two years. I'm a sophomore now and we were paired together because we both like to sing and so we sing together most of the time. And we go on walks and I try to see her every day or as much as I can. And she really has changed my life, and that's why I love Best Buddies, and that's why I'm the President of it. And so, please support the Mayor's budget request for Best Buddies. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Isabelle. Thanks for doing what you're doing. Members, questions for Isabelle? Seeing none, thank you very much. Matt Wanderscheid will be followed by Ivan Kaawa.

MR. WANDERSCHIED: My name is Matt Wanderscheid. I am supporting Ka Lima O Maui because what I like about Ka Lima is that I like the people that...our bosses are right next to us, checking up on us, and I work at the roundabout too. I really enjoy what we do and I really like it so please support Ka Lima. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Matt. Questions for Matt? Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Not a question. Just thank you very much for keeping that roundabout really good looking. Thanks.

MR. WANDERSCHIED: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Matt. Okay, the next testifier is gonna be Ivan Kaawa followed by Ezra Kanaha.

MR. KAAWA: My name is Ivan Kaawa. I work in Kihei. I clean the park bathrooms and please support Ka Lima. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. That was nice and short. Okay, Ezra Kanaha will be followed by Kathleen Phillips.

MR. KANAHA: Hi my name is Ezra --

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CHAIR WHITE: You're doing fine.

MR. KANAHA: --hi, my name is Ezra Kanaha. I'm a 20 year old. I just started Ka Lima so they're giving me a good start. So, you know, and it's a great job. I like it. You know, it's given me the skills that I need to further my...to be a maintenance. So, and, just please support us.

CHAIR WHITE: Thanks for helping to keep the County clean. Appreciate it.

MR. KANAHA: No problem.

CHAIR WHITE: Kathleen will be followed by Raven Caires.

MS. PHILLIPS: Good evening, my name is Kathleen Phillips, resident in Pukalani. I'm President of Kula AARP and a member of the Pukalani Community Association. Thank you for all the support that has been given to our seniors. We appreciate having the MEO bus services and Kaunoa especially. Please continue to support these services. For several years, I've come before you with a request to improve the Pukalani, Upcountry bus routes and sidewalks. And I'm happy that the Pukalani Community Association shares this concern as well. I strongly support the PCA's priority budget request that will be presented to you tonight. Wearing dual hats, I present the following concerns and requests. Revised bus routes are needed. Having a bus route to serve Pukalani is greatly appreciated. However, the existing route is limited to one bus stop on Pukalani Street. The bus stop's locations creates potentially dangerous situation, even with the addition of the street crossing lights at the bus stop. The bus route should be discussed with the Pukalani Community Association and interested members of our community. The revised route plan must include a reversal route. To date, our children and members of our community must travel all the way to Kaahumanu Center in order to return to Pukalani. This is not acceptable. Discussions need to take place regarding the bus route stops and future expansion routes when needed. There is a critical need for sidewalks. All of the work that was put into the recent appropriated and anticipated sidewalk along Old Haleakala Highway to Pukalani Street is greatly appreciated. However, a continuation of a sidewalk all the way down the Old Haleakala Highway, from the Shopping Center to the lower Old Haleakala Highway, to the planned new development, is needed for the safety of those that must walk along that roadway. The road is narrow, winding, and dark at night, with very little walking space in areas, and is currently a dangerous situation. This will become more dangerous when the new single-family units planned for that area is added. Walking along that area during rainy weather is also difficult with the water running down the highway and the tall wet grass and weeds along the sides. Our children get soaked, trust me I've seen it, and dirty trying to walk that route. There is also a need --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

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MS. PHILLIPS: --for the continuation of sidewalks from Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center along Pukalani Street to Liholani Street continuing up to Pukalani Superette. The funding of these projects will help to make Maui more all age friendly. Hannibal Tavares Community Pukalani Park is in need of two picnic benches and shade trees. This will be an asset for the many people who use the park. The invasive species control is an area that must be looked into. We can't close our eyes to what is happening around us. An additional inspector and a dog to locate little fire ants --

MR. MOLINA: Three minutes.

MS. PHILLIPS: --as well as preventive work in coqui frogs is critical in protecting our community. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, you were just right on the money.

MS. PHILLIPS: Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. You must have timed it at home. Thank you. Any questions for Kathleen? Seeing none, thank you very much. Our next testifier will be Raven Caires followed by Jared Gilcocha or Gilcocha. I'm not sure if I've got that right.

MS. CAIRES: Hello, my name is Raven Caires and I am a freshman at King Kekaulike High School. I've come today to talk to you about the Boys and Girls Club programs. When I first heard about Boys and Girls Club, I told my parents about it and they researched it. I was eight at the time and they told me I had to be nine years old to join the program. They were unsure whether or not they wanted me to be a part of it. After asking other families, we knew that this was a safe program for me to stay at day after day. And after me begging for them to let me go, on my ninth birthday, I was ready to go and have lots of fun. I was ecstatic and couldn't wait. I have been going to Boys and Girls Club for six years, and throughout that time, I have had so many great and inspiring memories that will last a life time. I have learned so much from the staff and hope to learn even more as I go through high school. The Boys and Girls Clubhouse is like a second home to me. And no matter what's going on, I know, I can go to them for help or the support I may need. The Boys and Girls Club, in general, is a great program that makes my life and my parents' lives so much easier and, I know, I can trust them on anything. Boys and Girls Club has been there for me when I needed them and I can't even begin to explain how amazing they are to me. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Members, any questions? I think, you're off the hook. Thank you very much. Okay, Jared will be followed by Jeremie Amano.

MR. GILCOCA: Hi, I'm Jared from...hi, I'm Jared. My name is Jared.

CHAIR WHITE: Can you pull the microphone down just a little bit?



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MR. GILCOCA: Down?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, there you go.

MR. GILCOCA: Hi, my name is Jared Gilcoca. The Boys and Girls Club is an awesome place to be. They have helped me with so many things--homework and making better choices. And if I had a problem I could talk to them about it. When I first went to the Makawao Club almost four years ago, I only had my brother to hang out with. Since then I've made a lot of friends. We play pool, sports, and I have access to computers. It's a lot of fun hanging out there. The staff members, Jill, Cathy, Zak, JR, and Ola are the best. Thank you to every one of you who have helped our organization.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jared. Any questions for Jared? Seeing none, thank you. Good job. Jeremie will be followed by James Sato.

MR. AMANO: Good evening. I'm Jeremie Amano and I'm here to testify in support for the Maui Economic Development Board or MEDB. I'm a sophomore at King Kekaulike High School and I hope...and I am in enrolled in my school's STEMworks curriculum, which is a program developed by MEDB. STEMworks is designed to allow students to apply their effective use of technology skills to help the community. I've been in the STEMworks curriculum for two years, and I entered it with a huge interest in programming and some experience with it as well. During my time with STEMworks, I've improved and applied my programming skills to help the community. Last year, I created an educational game that aims at young kids for the goal of teaching them how to conserve water. And this year, I'm designing a new game with a goal of teaching kids to clean up beaches, attend beach cleanup events, and yeah. Programming is not the only thing I've worked on during my time in STEMworks. I've also improved my public speaking skills at the Annual STEM Conference in which I had to present what our school's STEMworks program has done to help the community as part of a competition. I also been in one of STEMworks...MEDB's summer internship program last year in which I learned how to apply my skills in a real job as well as learning new skills. During my internship, I learned how to apply programming on GIS software as well as learning GIS as I've never had experience with maps or GIS before. And I've also further improved my public speaking skills because at the end of the internship, I presented what I've done at the internship to families and professionals. And as you can see, MEDB and STEMworks have...has helped me a lot and allows me to see what I want to be. So, I hope you continue to support MEDB. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Great job, Jeremie. James will be followed by Maikai Kaufman.

MR. SATO: My name is James Sato.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You got it.

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MR. SATO: I'm a resident of Pukalani for 63 years. During the 63 years, I belong to Makawao School PTA, Pukalani Community Association for about ten years...ten different years. During that years that I have been here I had a business in Wailuku--Maui Recapping Service. A lot of you people supported me. I sure thank all of you. I was successful. The businesses on Maui too, the plantation, and all of them supported me. I was in perfect condition. No doctors what you call appointment. As soon as I retired, oh, my goodness. My daughter says daddy, hospital. You gotta go here, you gotta go there. All that time she had all the things ready for me to go to the doctor. The last one was, eh, the doctor said, eh, your...what you call is too low your pressure. He says what, you was 125/40. I almost die on the table. So, my doctor who is Barbarosh told me that Dr. Poon will give me what you call pacemaker. He did put me on pacemaker. What happened? My blood went from 125 to 65. So, I'm very, very happy. I'm not a loquacious person, but I make it really short. I'd like to thank the people that supported MEO that because I lost my driver's license I depend on MEO and they have been very, very good...best people like Agnes, you know, we know. Agnes...their group has been very, very supportive in taking us around no matter where we went. So, please, the Finance Committee, support MEO and make that what you call that MEO a very, very...a lot of old and good organization that you all you people would support. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Sato. Have you always been this shy? Maikai will be followed by Emery Jade.

MR. KAUFMAN: Hello, my name is Maikai Kapahee Kaufman and I speak tonight on behalf of myself and also for Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa. About 150 years my relative, Kapahee, was transporting taro from his loi on Kauai to his home on Niihau when a large wave sank his boat. And with his wife and friend having only an oar to stay afloat they headed back to Kauai. But the ocean currents were against them. Kapahee was the strongest and he swam all night alone reaching Niihau the next day. Canoes were launched, but Kapahee's wife and friend were never found. Kapahee later remarried and decades later Kapahee and his wife, Pauwahine, were taken at the Battle of Kalalau. Transported to Oahu, and then to Kalaupapa, where they died of Hansen's disease. Along with many others, Kapahee and Pauwahine have unmarked graves. Those graves, those names, and those stories should not be forgotten. And Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa needs our help so that those names and stories can be passed on. It is my hope someday to go to Kalaupapa to do a memorial dedicated to those remarkable individuals who today remain unrecognized. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Great job. Questions for testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I wanted to ask you. What are you asking us to...for some support to work on Kalaupapa to put up a memorial for those unmarked graves as well as those who have been forgotten or almost forgotten if we don't do something soon? Is that what you're asking us for?

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, I just wanted that clarification. Thank you.

MR. KAUFMAN: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And Emery Jade and Meyer-Wallets. Okay.

MS. MEYER-WALLETS: My name is Emery Jade Meyer-Wallets. I am a sixth grader at Kalama Intermediate School. I'm also a member at MEO's Leadership Training. A couple months ago, Makua Cassie and Amanda came to our school and taught us about underage drinking and how it affects our bodies. In leadership training, we learn how to help out with our community. One thing we do was make posters and support homeless people. We went to the MEO garden and learned about different native plants. And today, we just finished filming a "Be A Jerk" campaign video with Maui Waena students. Thank you for listening to my speech and I hope you continue to fund MEO.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, ladies. Any questions for the testifiers? Thank you and I forgot to mention the next testifier, but the next one is Rita Silva and Rita will be followed by Jacelyn Freitas. Jacelyn.

MS. SILVA: My name is Rita Silva and I am very grateful to MEO for the transportation it has provided me to the doctor, and to the dentist, and shopping, and to excursions. When it comes to Kula AARP, MEO has given us great support. MEO Transportation...they've taken us on excursions. They've taken us to our Christmas party and please consider giving a 4 percent raise to the drivers...make an appropriation. The cost of living has gone up and their cost of living has gone up. Also, please continue to support Kaunoa Senior Center services. They do a great job for us having classes and giving us something to do that is very useful and then sometimes very entertaining. Olinda Road is a very dangerous road and I'm asking that...I'm asking for two things. I'm asking that you appropriate money to design a drainage system for the Olinda Road area and possibly Piihoho Road. Piihoho Road is even more dangerous than Olinda Road. There's one place in Olinda Road that is particularly dangerous. It's where the goats are in the Anthony Tam pasture, that turn there, is so dangerous, and it's just waiting for a terrible tragedy. Now, instead of reacting at...have the Makawao Road Superintendent take a look at the Olinda Road area and make recommendations. I don't wish anybody any harm, but why is it that something terrible has to happen and then government reacts? Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for being here this evening, Ms. Silva. Any questions for Ms. Silva? Pardon.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Rita.

CHAIR WHITE: Waiting?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Rita.

CHAIR WHITE: I said Ms. Silva.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, oh, sorry, I thought you said something else.

CHAIR WHITE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR WHITE: I do make mistakes, but I'm...okay. Jacelyn will be followed Jamie Gomes.

MS. FREITAS: Hi, my name is Jacelyn Freitas. I go to Kalama Intermediate and I am 13 years old. I'm in the sixth grade. I am also very appreciative --

CHAIR WHITE: Could you come a little closer to the microphone?

MS. FREITAS: --I am also very appreciative about you guys funding MEO. Thank you for funding us. On the first day of getting our permission slips from MEO, I went home and asked my mom, she said yes. The next day I ran to my teacher's classroom so fast that I bumped into her and I turned it in to her then. On the first class, we started talking about drugs and alcohol. We started talking about drugs and alcohol and how it can affect your body. Then they made us start these alcohol and drug free booklets. A few classes later we started talking about drug free posters and how it affects our bodies. In class, me and my friends did a poster. We also enjoyed having a poster fair. Today my...then my friend found out...my friend Emery Jade found out that she won the poster fair out of 103 kids. I enjoyed the poster fair even though I didn't win. Today, we were shooting a PSA with Maui Waena students about being...about giving alcohol to minors. Thank you so much for helping MEO and I hope that the next generation and our future leaders will be able to enjoy this program just as I did. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jacelyn. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you ladies. Jamie will be followed by Hunter Urata.

MS. GOMES: Hi, good afternoon. Hi, my name is Jamie Gomes, a junior at King Kekaulike High School. I've had the privilege to be a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Makawao for eight years. As you first walk through the club doors, you find kids playing, laughing, and just having fun. You see friendships that may even last a lifetime. I know I have. Ever since the first day I entered my club, there were two staff members who really impacted my life tremendously. And I've built a personal relationship with Cathy Rudow and Jill Delos Santos with their endless emotional and educational help and just perfect role models to all children. As a long member myself, I tried to impact my knowledge that has been taught to me from these two staff to others. And for the year 2014, I have been graciously rewarded as Youth of the Year for the Makawao Boys and Girls Club. I only hope that with your continuous support, we can grow this amazing

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organization even further and so that all kids can have the life-changing experiences that I have been lucky to have. Thank you for all your time and dedication you put in this fantastic place that many call a place away from home. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jaime. Questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much. Hunter will be followed by Mike Siver...Michael Siver.

MR. URATA: Hello, I'm Hunter Urata and I live in --

CHAIR WHITE: Could you come right up to the microphone?

MR. URATA: --hello, I am --

CHAIR WHITE: There, great.

MR. URATA: --Hunter Urata and I live in Kanaio. I'm a middle schooler student attending Hui Malama because I was home schooled for two years and I fell back in my studies. I am attending Hui Malama in order to catch up to the grade level that I am supposed to be in. Hui Malama is very important to me because it has helped me to learn teamwork and getting me back to school. I'm going to school...my sister and best friend also attended Hui Malama because and they had nothing but good things to say about it. Hui Malama's career development class has helped me to explore different jobs and what I want to be when I get older, which is a forest ranger. The teachers at Hui Malama have also taught me a lot about Hawaiian studies and plants and life, which will be good for me to pass on to the next generation. Also, things that I like about Hui Malama are the teachers are very nice. Thank you, Council members for your time and support of Hui Malama students, teachers, and parents. I really appreciate everything you've done for us.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Hunter. Any questions? Oh, Hunter, Hunter, Hunter, Hunter, one question for you. Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you. How old are you, Hunter?

MR. URATA: Thirteen.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thirteen? Good job. I like your tie, too.

MR. URATA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Michael Siver will be followed by Gregory Sherman.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If it's okay, we're gonna have our whole group support them. This is the Upcountry Skateboard Alliance.

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MR. SIVER: Aloha, mai kakou. Aloha, everybody. My name is Michael Siver and I'm a senior here at King Kekaulike, up in Pukalani. And we came here in the fall with the Upcountry Skateboard Alliance...the people that we all got together and help support the skate park. And we are very thankful of having it put in the budget. And we just wanted to show our thankfulness and this was a huge part of my senior project as well. And I wanted to personally thank everybody for those in part of putting that in the budget. And we can assure you guys that it was not a mistake that you guys will be glad that it will be put in the budget and hopefully it completes as soon as possible. And thank you everybody.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Just a second.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, right now, Michael, and the rest of you, when you want to skate, where do you go and skate?

MR. SIVER: Right now, I either go to Paia or Lahaina or Keopuolani --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. SIVER: --downtown.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And all of you have that opportunity? The youngsters or you just hit the streets? Hit the streets, right? Okay. I just wanted the truth so that it helps us. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions? Seeing none, thank you for doing all you --

MR. SIVER: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: --that's fine, that's okay. And what is your name?

MR. SHERMAN: I'm Gregory Sherman.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, great, thank you.

MR. SHERMAN: I'm also a senior at Kekaulike. I just wanted to say thank you for supporting us and we really appreciate it. It's going to be a lot easier than driving all the way down the mountain to go skateboard. Like when I was these guys age, I would have to go drive really far. So, yeah, I just wanted to say thank you. The safest way to skateboard is at a skate park and skateboarding is on the rise while team sports are going in decline. So, yeah, we appreciate it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony. I just want to let you know that I made a skateboard in

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eighth grade shop and had to take apart roller skates in order to do it.

MR. SHERMAN: I like it.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you all very much. Any other testifiers in the group? Okay, great. Our next testifier is Kourtney Kaya followed by Marlena Cua.

MS. KAYA: Good evening, Chair, and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee. My name is Kourtney Kaya and I'm currently a senior and the President of the Maui High School Saber Marching Band and Color Guard. I'm here asking for your support in the line item grant for the Maui High School Band. I have been a member of the Saber Band for four years now and can confidently say that without this program I would not be the person that I am today. This program has shaped me to be a passionate, understanding, and goal-oriented individual who knows very well how to work other students to produce quality work. The Saber Band provides students with an emotional and expressive outlet. And also allows students to become responsible individuals as they have to balance their duties and school work and marching band. This program is so important to me and has been such a big part of life that I decided to return next year to march with my band in the Rose Parade as an alumni. And so, as an experienced member, I know and understand what it takes for a marching band to be successful in such an event like the Rose Parade. With the goals we seek and our member count we ask for your support in providing our students with needed equipment and uniforms in order to send 150 members to the Rose Parade next year. On behalf of the Maui High School Saber Band, we would like to thank you for your continuous support of our program. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Kourtney. Any questions for the testifier? Marlena will be followed by Zak Pacholl, it looks like.

MS. CUA: Good evening, Chair, and Members of the Board. My name is Marlena Cua and I am a senior at Maui High School. I'm testifying in support of the Maui High School Band line grant. I have been part of the Maui High School Marching Band and Symphonic Band for the past four years. For the marching band, I am the drum major, which is the person who conducts in front of the band. Being in band has really helped me to grow as a person. It has challenged me mentally and physically. And coming from Upcountry I had no friends going into Maui High my freshmen year. But being in the band program, you know, it got me around and it let me meet people and it's really like a family...a second family to me. So, it really means a lot to me in my life. I was overflowing with joy when I found out that we were invited to the upcoming Rose Parade in 2015. This is such an honor, not only for the band, but for Maui and Hawaii in general. This would be an experience of a lifetime for many students at Maui High School. But with this opportunity comes a lot of financial burdens. I have participated in the Rose Parade with the All State Marching Band this past Rose Parade and I was able to see just how hard it is to bring such a large group all the way up to California to participate in this parade. And I saw how expensive it was too. And the band has been fundraising like crazy and this grant money would be a tremendous help to reach our goal of taking 150 members up to the parade. The band

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works very hard to bring pride to the people of Maui and we look forward to representing all of you in Pasadena. Thank you for all of your support you have given to the band. It really means a lot to us. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Marlana. One question? Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, I just wanted to ask what is your ultimate goal for the monies that you need to reach?

MS. CUA: Half a million, so. That includes everything from like equipment, and airfare, and sending up everything.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: All right, go Sabers.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, wait, wait, I have a...I know, your mom so that I, so I wanna say that. But, first all, are you also planning? Yeah, we all know mom. She's come before us many times and last night I enjoyed your performance. Job well, well done last night at the MACC. Question for you is are you also planning to go as an alumnus --

MS. CUA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --like the other young lady?

MS. CUA: Yes, I'm planning to go.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You planning to go? Okay, that's what I wanted to know. Thank you.

MS. CUA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Zak Pacholl will be followed by Suzanne Burry. Zak left, okay. So, our next testifier will be Suzanne Burry followed by, looks like, is Dennis going to testify or not? Okay. Thank you. Please proceed.

MS. BURRY: Hi, I am Suzanne Burry and we are Valley Isle Animal Rescue. We are a 501(c)(3) animal welfare organization dedicated to providing both emergency response to injured animals and specialized support to the Maui police officers responding to various animal-related incidents at any hour of the day or night. In July 2010, the Maui Humane Society discontinued after-hours emergency services for animals. And in Fiscal Year 2013, they further cut these services on State holidays. You can't do that. You just can't do that. Accidents aren't planned. Animals get injured. People get injured. They're dangerous dogs out there. We've already been on dangerous dog calls. You can't cut services for emergencies. You don't do it for people. You can't do for animals either. We recognized the shortfall and so we slipped into that service



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and we now assist first responders. We assist the animals and the residents of the community of Maui. And we do it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our regular hours are 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. 'cause the Human Society does work during the day. And it's become something that we've done for a couple of years and it's a service that's just so necessary. Last year you guys recognized the importance of our services and awarded us a \$25,000 grant to provide the after-hours animal emergency response for FY 2014. We, the community, and of course, the animals want to thank you profusely for that appropriation. Even though the contract for those services has not been finalized, we've continued to provide the animal related after-hours and holiday emergency response and will continue to. We hope to finalize the contract soon by successfully satisfying the ongoing paperwork details requested by the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. We are on call daily, like I said from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 14 hours a day, and 24 hours per day on each of the 14 State holidays. We typically receive multiple calls per week from both the Police Department and the general public. We have responded to injured dogs, cats, deer, pigs, goats, and other animals. Additionally, we have responded to callouts regarding dangerous dogs and horses that can threaten public safety while roaming on the highways. We responded to 113 calls for service in annual year 2013, and were responsible for finding the owners of more than 40 percent of those surviving animals, saving their costly deposit into the Maui Human Society. We have taken on the vital role of emergency response to help animals and people, keep them safe at any hour of the day or night. Please support us in continuing our animal emergency response duties by appropriating another \$25,000 to Valley Isle for Fiscal Year 2015. Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you so much for what you do.

MS BURRY: You're welcome. It's our pleasure.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for the testifier?

MS. BURRY: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Our next testifier will be Mabel Lopes followed by Sydney Smith.

MS. LOPES: Good evening, Council.

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MS. LOPES: My name is Mabel Lopes and I am here to represent the Upcountry Seniors. We have 50 members that come to us from Makawao, Haiku, Paia, Pukalani, and Haliimaile. We meet here twice a week and without the bus transportation these people could not come here. They run in ages from, I mean, we have a lot of them in their 80s and their 90s and they don't drive. And if they don't have a bus to get out of the house they'd be just vegetating at home. So, what we do is when they come in that door you see every senior smile. They're so happy to be here

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and when they're here they socialize. They play games like Hanafuda. The domino people are really...they have so much fun. They roar this place with laughter. And then we have the word puzzles. They love to do word puzzles. So, we supply the word puzzles and everybody is making word puzzles. We have bingo twice a week. And then they have a nutritious lunch and they go home. So, but, we really need the bus transportation because without this, this would not happen. I thank you very much for your time and ask you to please keep supporting MEO.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mabel. Sydney will be followed by Chantal Ratte.

MS. SMITH: Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. SMITH: My name is Sydney Smith, and I'm the President of the Maui Coffee Association, and I own Maliko Estate Coffee in Makawao. I started growing coffee on my farm in 1991. In 2005, we officially formed the Maui Coffee Association with just a few growers and roasters. Today, we have over 135 members consisting of growers, roasters, coffee store owners, and people who just love Maui and Molokai coffee. Last year was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of coffee cultivation in Hawaii. We held at least one event per month throughout last year. We held a Coffee and Jazz Festival on Lanai, the Molokai Coffee Festival on Molokai, the Wailea Coffee Festival at The Shops at Wailea, the Seed to Cup event at our UH Maui Campus. Those events were made possible by the grant from the Maui County Farm Bureau and Maui County's Office of Economic Development. We really appreciate the support we have received from Maui County. Every year we add new growers to our organization. We've been growing by a steady 15 percent per year. And these events help us reach out to these new growers. Something we learned this past year with so many events was just how interested our visitors are in our coffee, our coffee farms, and our history. On another note, and these comments are just from me, because I did not have a chance to run these by my board. But I just heard that Senate Bill 2347 was deferred, which was the bill that would have funded the little fire ant. It failed and I just got an e-mail from Teya Penniman. That would have really helped us. But since we're not going to have any funding, any additional funding from the State, I really urge you to restore the funding that was cut from the Department of Water Supply funding of the Maui Invasive Species Committee, and also for Watershed Management. I just found out about that as well. To not restore the watershed is just crazy. You know, that is a storage system for water. And we don't have enough understanding in our own Water Supply Department that the watershed is an integral part to our island and we've lost so much forest and we lose it all the time. So, we really have to take care of what we have. So, I urge you to restore in another way if we can't get the funding from the Department of Water Supply for Maui Invasive Species Committee and for the Watershed Management. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for bringing that up. I'll just comment that this Council has always been, even before I came on it, and probably before, we've always lead the State in taking care of our Watershed and the Maui Invasive Species Council, so.

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MS. SMITH: And I appreciate that.

CHAIR WHITE: You can count on us to take a very close look at that.

MS. SMITH: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for the testifier? Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair? Thank you and good evening and thank you for being here. The events that you mentioned that you got grant from Maui County Farm Bureau, what...do you recall the amount in that?

MS. SMITH: Well, we got two different grants. And, I know, that, I think, we got \$30,000 between the Office of Economic Development and the Farm Bureau, but I'm not sure how much came from each place.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, you're saying a total of 30?

MS. SMITH: I believe so, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Of the two? Okay, thank you. I can look into to that. Thank you.

MS. SMITH: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch then Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Sydney, for being here. Which funding got cut because I'm looking at the Department of Water Supply Watershed Protection and it looks like it's all the same, except for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens? Everything else was...

MS. SMITH: I heard it from Rob Parsons who's here tonight.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, we'll have to check because in the budget it's the same. Okay.

MS. SMITH: Yeah, I believe, they have the money, but they decided not to contribute their part. That's what I understood.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

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CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, hi, Sydney, thanks for coming tonight.

MS. SMITH: Hi.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: In regards to the Farm Bureau allocation of monies to your Association, has that been ongoing for the last few years or annually?

MS. SMITH: Yes, we did get more last year because it was our bicentennial year and that was the extra money that we got from the Office of Economic Development because we had so many commitments and so many shows that we did to promote it. And we always thought we were only gonna have one bicentennial so we really threw everything, all of our efforts at that. But we do have an ongoing grant as a commodity group from the Maui County Farm Bureau.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further questions? Thank you very much for your testimony.

MS. SMITH: Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Chantal will be followed by Tanya Wong.

MS. RATTE: Good evening, Council members. I'm Chantal Ratte, the Executive Director for Ka Lima O Maui, and I just want to come up here and thank you for supporting over and over this wonderful collaboration that exists between Ka Lima O Maui and the County of Maui. It addresses a critical need in the community, employment for persons with disabilities, while delivering a great service to the County of Maui. Our service income contracts hire 55 persons with disabilities. We provide evaluation, training, assessments. These individuals would more than likely not have worked if it was not for Ka Lima. We have requested a 3 percent increase in our Parks contract. And again, thank you, I think, that Maui is really blessed to have Council members that recognize the importance of social service in the community.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chantal. Questions for the testifier? Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah. Chantal, thanks for coming out this evening. We just discussed part of your program today on or yesterday on the floor. Do you have plans to service West Maui at all?

MS. RATTE: We would love the opportunity. We don't have...we don't currently have a crew on the West Side. But if there was enough work to generate us creating a crew on the works on the West Side, we would certainly be open to that.

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, thank you. You guys do wonderful work. Thank you.

MS. RATTE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chantal, do you also have airport...do you guys do the airports now?

MS. RATTE: Yes, we have a contract with TSA.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: TSA, yeah.

MS. RATTE: Yeah, we clean the check points at the airport 365 days a year.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, 'cause I...when I go out early in the morning --

MS. RATTE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --they're there, you know, so I was --

MS. RATTE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --I thought you guys had that also you were doing the airports now.

MS. RATTE: That's a relatively recent contract.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

MS. RATTE: Two years ago, we were fortunate to get that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Congratulations, thank you.

MS. RATTE: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: One of the other questions that came up at yesterday's meeting was whether or not, with respect to the restrooms being cleaned in the County Parks, whether you have the capacity to do more visits or more frequent cleaning during the day with if you were to get some additional staff?

MS. RATTE: Yes, I think, that's very...that's a very good point and, I think, that is needed especially in the heavily used parks.

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CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MS. RATTE: And I have had some discussion with John Buck on that very issue. So, again, we would be open for discussion on that for sure.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, appreciate that. Any further questions, Members? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MS. RATTE: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Tanya will be followed by Haunani Moniz.

MS. WONG: Hello.

CHAIR WHITE: Come closer to the...

MS. WONG: Okay, I'm here on behalf of MEO Rental Assistance Program, which helped me and my kids with my rental. I'm a single parent. I am employed with one job. But without the help, I don't think I would've had a place. All my family is on Oahu so other than that I would've been homeless. But thanks for the program and for your guys funding. And if you guys can keep it up because if not, you know, other people can benefit from it how it has benefit me. So, thanks again.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony. Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Can we get your name please?

MS. WONG: Tanya Wong. Sorry.

CHAIR WHITE: Nothing to apologize for. Haunani will be followed by Alex DeRoode.

MS. MONIZ: Hi, good evening, Council. My name is Haunani Moniz and I'm here to testify on the behalf of MEO's Rental Assistance Program. MEO helped my family. We were living at Harbor Lights for like four years and couldn't afford a rental anywhere else. And I have three school aged children. And this past year, at the ending of the year, we...my husband was incarcerated and finally got released after five years and found himself two full-time jobs. So, with that income we generated, we worked it together, and we found a place. And we went to MEO and they helped us to get the rental, first month's rent, a deposit, and we're really surprised they even helped us with an electric deposit. So, it's helping us to get some credit, and they also helped us with a budgeting class, showed us how to get a credit report, how to be more self-sufficient, and we're really hopeful, and my children are thriving in their new school. And we have a yard and a really beautiful house. And I ask that you folks continue to support the MEO Rental Assistance Program 'cause there's lots of other families, you know, that are just on

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that border line where they can't get, you know, financial help from other agencies. And this really helped us with a start and my family is really grateful. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Haunani. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MS. MONIZ: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Alex will be followed by Marilyn Cleghorn.

MR. DEROODE: Aloha, Council Chair, Council members. A little low there, yeah? Here we go. Good evening. I'm here to provide testimony in support of Maui Economic Development Board. And you've heard a lot of the good things that they do here in the community around STEM education and technology. Another thing that they are very, you know, put a lot of importance in and demonstrate leadership in is renewable energy and energy efficiency. They have...we're one of the first organizations here to put on a large scale PV on their roof, and they're continuing to further that, and currently working in partnership with Hawaii Natural Energy Institute to put in different types of PV technologies and battery storage systems to be able to test and do research and development to see which perform best in our environment, here in Hawaii. We're also...I'm part of the team helping them go through what's known as LEED for Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance certification. And this is an internationally recognized green building rating system, which really pushes the envelope in terms of all areas of sustainable buildings in their built environments so that goes from recycling, to water efficiency, to renewable energy, energy efficiency. So really serving...what they want to do is serve as a demonstration site for these technologies and use best practices. And so, I really encourage the Council to maintain their support for MEDB.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, any questions for Alex?

MR. DEROODE: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Seeing none, thank you for your testimony. Marilyn will be followed by Donald Reeser.

MS. CLEGHORN: I hope you'll be able to understand me. I'm testifying for the Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa. My name is Marilyn Cleghorn and my great-grandmother, Rosine, was one of the 8,000 Hansen's disease or leprosy patients taken from their homes.

CHAIR WHITE: If you can just tilt it...tilt it down just a little further. I think, we'll be able to hear you.

MS. CLEGHORN: Sorry. I was hoping somebody else would be able to read this for me. She was one of the 8,000 Hansen's disease or leprosy patients taken from their homes and separated from

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their families to live the rest of their lives in Kalaupapa. When I was a child, my mother told me the story of my great-grandmother, Rosine, and, Willie, her young grandson. The story that I was told was that Willie was sent to Kalaupapa and my great-grandmother went with him as kokua. I grew up in awe of her heroism and have given up to...for her to have given up her life for her grandson. However, many years later I learned that was not her true story. Willie was...had never made it to Kalaupapa. He died alone at Leiahi Hospital on Oahu in 1918. Great-grandmother Rosine did in fact go to Kalaupapa, but not as kokua, but as a patient. She was taken from her family and was sent to Kalaupapa on September 26, 1911, and died there in February of 1917. She was 75 years old. With this new information, I contacted several family members to find out why they...what they might know and was surprised to discover that maybe as a child I had made up this story. No one in my family knew, not even my older brother. It was a family secret. In 1996, our two daughters and myself joined a tour group sponsored by the Hawaii Historic Society, and made a trip to Kalaupapa hoping to find her stone, hoping to put lei on her stone, and promise her that she would never be forgotten. We found the area by the beach where the stones were dated around the time of her death, but hers was not --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. CLEGHORN: --to be found. We were told by our tour guide, Richard Marks, that many stones had been washed away or destroyed in the 1946 tidal wave. There was no place to lay our flowers. In 2002 and 2012, I returned to Kalaupapa with other family members knowing that we would never find her stone but still in hopes that we would. Words can never express --

MR. MOLINA: Three minutes.

MS. CLEGHORN: --am I done?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You can ...(inaudible)... real quickly.

MS. CLEGHORN: Okay. Words can never express how thankful we are for Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa for their endless hours of research, dedication, and challenge in trying to connect the names of the remaining head stones to their family members who are searching like we are.

CHAIR WHITE: Could you wrap...give us a wrap up comment 'cause we need to make sure that everyone gets a fair shake.

MS. CLEGHORN: Okay. To many, a memorial is just a memorial but to the families, to the ohana, it would bring closure. It would be a place we could touch. It would be a place that we could see that our loved ones is one of 8,000, not alone and never forgotten.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Mr. Victorino has a question for you.



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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not really a question. Could we have that...make copies for us?

MS. CLEGHORN: Yes, I have copies for you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You have copies? Okay, can we have that, please?

MS. CLEGHORN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We would appreciate that. Thank you.

MS. CLEGHORN: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cleghorn. Any further questions, Members? Seeing none, and Mr. Reeser will be followed by Peter Tierney.

MR. REESER: Aloha and my name is Donald Reeser. I'm speaking also for the Memorial Committee of --

CHAIR WHITE: You can pull the microphone up if you'd like. A little further. There you go.

MR. REESER: --the Ohana Kalaupapa. Marilyn who just spoke is my late wife's cousin. So, I'm talking about my late wife's great-grandmother that she discovered was in Kalaupapa and died there in 1917. She was amazed to find this out because it was a family secret, which was common in those days. And, of course, we searched the records. We searched the grave stones, we couldn't find anything at all. And so my wife served on the Memorial Committee and when she died I said I would help as best I could. So, I've been serving on the Memorial Committee since 2007. And, we think, it's really important that this memorial happen. The Ohana has gone to great lengths getting the bill passed, reaching out to the families, compiling names, working with the National Park Service for environmental compliance. And we're at a stage now where we need a helping hand and there's \$100,000 in the Mayor's Budget, and we hope that you'll see fit to finance that, because we need to get going on the memorial design and administrative services that are needed in planning this whole project because it's going to be a big ticket item. We're gonna to have to raise a lot of money, but we need this helping hand right now to go the next step. So, thank you very much for listening to my story.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Reeser. Members, questions for Mr. Reeser? Seeing none, and thank you for your service at the Haleakala National Park over the years. Mr. Tierney will be followed by Valerie Monson.

MR. TIERNEY: Good evening. Aloha, County Council members. Mahalo for your patience tonight in listening to so many of us here from our Upcountry community. Our interest, like yours, is to improve the conditions for all people on Maui through public participation and public effort. So,

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thank you. My name is Peter Tierney. I am a board member of SPCA Maui, and tonight I also represent two of our sister animal organizations who are striving to improve the lives and conditions of homeless, injured, and stray animals on Maui. Our efforts not only help animals but also reduce the taxpayer's burden by reducing animal intake into Maui County's Animal Shelter. Collectively, we wish to share three major topics with you for serious consideration this evening and during the budgetary process. First, from all of us at SPCA Maui, mahalo. Last budget session, you so wisely decided to award us, the administration of 75,000 in Spay, Neuter, Incentive Program grants designed to incentivize the public to spay and neuter their cats and dogs. During the first eight months of Fiscal 2014, we have helped over 1,400 Maui residents through this County sponsored program, reminding that a 100 percent of that \$75,000 grant goes directly to the program as SPCA Maui administers at no cost to the County. We look forward to continuing to do so in Fiscal Year 2015. We'd ask you to continue that appropriation for us. Secondly, I'm here speaking for Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation, that's H.A.R.F. They're partners with us in the effort to strengthen the deteriorating animal control system currently in place at the Maui Humane Society. Both SPCA Maui and H.A.R.F. receive calls every day from the Maui public seeking assistance with animal related problems. Problems ranging from dog attacks on humans and pets to animals suffering in inhumane living conditions. We collectively are proposing that the Animal Management Contract with the Maui Humane Society be split into two separate contracts specifically appropriating budgets to each. One contract would fund the operation of the Maui Animal Shelter. The second contract would fund animal policing to the island of Maui. Separation of animal policing from government pound operations is more typical nationwide due to the often conflicting nature of these two operations. Maui should adopt this more effective model as soon as possible to improve public safety, quality of life for our people and our pets. Thirdly, I'd like to support Valley Isle Animal Rescue in their request for the continued \$25,000 grant. Although they have not received their money yet, that has not stopped them from providing after-hour services to Maui County's animals and owners for the past year. Please do. Please continue to support their important work. And please know that all three of our organizations are 100 percent volunteer. We look forward to sharing more detailed information and upcoming testimony and wish to reintroduce ourselves to all of you tonight with excitement towards what we've accomplished for Maui's animals and people --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MR. TIERNEY: --and what we look forward to accomplishing in the future. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, you hit it right on the nose. Any questions for Mr. Tierney? Seeing none, thank you very much, Peter. Valerie Monson will be followed Carolina Aguirre, I believe.

MS. MONSON: Aloha, Chair White, and Members of the Budget Committee. My name is Valerie Monson. I'm a resident of Makawao and I'm Coordinator for Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa. We're a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and remembering all the estimated 8,000 people who were separated from their families and sent to Kalaupapa because of government policies regarding leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. The Ohana was the

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vision of Bernard Punikai`a, a longtime leader at Kalaupapa. Of all of those sent to Kalaupapa, you've heard some of this already so I'm gonna...fewer than 1,000 have marked tombstones. Their names are no longer part of the landscape where they lived and died. More than 90 percent of these people were native Hawaiians. When the Ohana organized in 2003, the Kalaupapa community asked that one of our priorities be to establish a memorial on the peninsula so everyone would be remembered. They want everyone who was there before them to be remembered like they will also. And in 2009, through the efforts of the Ohana and the entire Hawaii Congressional Delegation, President Obama signed the legislation to authorize the Ohana to establish the memorial that would list the names of everyone sent there. Since then we've been working on compliance issues, securing a lease for the site, and compiling the names for the display. We have more than 7,000 names in our database. We're helping hundreds of families reconnect, but they don't have the memorial. They don't have a tombstone and they want the memorial. I think probably about 1,500 or more of these people who were sent to Kalaupapa were from Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. They ranged in age from four, a little girl in Makawao, to 105, a man named Owahi from Kaupo, where he was the poi man. These individuals...all of them would have mostly likely have lived on Maui, Molokai, and Lanai their entire lives, if they hadn't been told to leave. And many of them still have families in Maui County and some of you on this Council, I know, have family there too. A remarkable number of these people from Maui, Molokai, and Lanai went on to become important leaders at Kalaupapa. It always amazes me when I go through this and I see someone from Maui, Molokai, and Lanai, who became a leader who changed the history there. Their names will all be listed on the memorial. And Father Damien and Mother Marianne, both now saints. They have connections to Maui. Father Damien got the call to go to Kalaupapa when he was attending the dedication of St. Anthony Church in 1873. Mother Marianne helped open Maunalani Hospital. And also the memorial --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. MONSON: --would be located on the grounds of the Baldwin Home, where the Baldwin Home once stood. The Baldwin Home was made possible--a large group home by Henry Baldwin.

CHAIR WHITE: We would love to hear all the rest of --

MS. MONSON: I know.

CHAIR WHITE: --that because and I'd love you to...

MS. MONSON: We just hope that you give...you find...you can find it, you know, to help us out.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think, many of us are in awe of your research capabilities and we really appreciate it. And we look forward to hearing more about it.

MS. MONSON: Okay, thank you so much. I appreciate it.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Valerie. Carolina will be followed by Jamie Fitzpatrick.

MS. AGUIRRE: Good evening. My name is Carolina Aguirre.

CHAIR WHITE: Can you please move right up to the microphone?

MS. AGUIRRE: Right here?

CHAIR WHITE: Bring it down a little bit.

MS. AGUIRRE: Like this?

CHAIR WHITE: There you go.

MS. AGUIRRE: Okay. Good evening. My name is Carolina Aguirre. I moved to Maui 15 years ago. I'm from Argentina. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and support MEO Enlace Hispano. I am grateful because they have always helped my family and I. For example, translate the paper for document from immigration and permission for my children to leave the country and return. I would like to see this program continue and receive contribution and fund. Thank you so much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much. And Jamie will be followed Maggie Fandre.

MS. FITZPATRICK: Good evening. Thank you, Committee Chair White, and Committee members for the opportunity to testify this evening. My name is Jamie Fitzpatrick and I am Director of Animal and Client Services for the Maui Humane Society. I oversee all of our animal care and customer service staff and programs, including animal intake, lost and found services, dog licensing, stray pet reclaims, adoptions, and the daily care of the over 9,000 animals who come through our shelter doors each year. Even though I've only been at the Maui Humane Society for just under a year, I've been working in animal shelters for the last 12 years. And I can definitely say that we have a lot to be proud of in our shelter's programs and services. And my team and I do take a lot of pride in the programs and services that we offer. Unfortunately, when funding is inadequate it makes it even harder to do a job that is already emotionally and physically draining. When we don't have the resources to do our jobs to the standard that our community expects of us, it's our organization and specifically our staff who takes the criticism. We have many incredibly longtime employees who show their dedication each and every day with their...show their dedication each and every day, their passion for the mission we serve. These are the staff who deliver these services directly to our animals and our customers. But at some point not having enough resources means that enough becomes enough. Low pay results in high turnover, which decreases our productivity as we have to hire and train new employees. It's been a rare few weeks during my 11 months at the Maui Humane Society that my department

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hasn't been actively hiring or training new staff. And we all know what a drain on resources it is bringing new staff on board. My wish is to be able to retain the great staff that we have and provide the service to our community effectively and efficiently, and adequate funding is necessary to achieve that goal. When County funding doesn't adequately cover the costs of providing services outlined in the RFP for animal management programs, donor dollars have been used to backfill the gap. Instead of backfilling, these funds could be better spent on additional lifesaving strategies. One of the other programs that I oversee is our transfer program, which is a strategy that's proven to save lives of more homeless pets in our community. Since we have a limited population base to adopt the many, many, many animals who come to our shelter each and every day, we have to look further to find other ways to expand our lifesaving abilities. Thankfully not every community has the same overpopulation issues that we do. And we have mainland partners who are willing to accept our pets. We just need the funds to prepare the pets for adoption that cover the costs of sending them off island. When donor funds are spent covering --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. FITZPATRICK: --basic animal sheltering programs they can't be used for other programs that have great potential to save lives. To put it in perspective, so far this fiscal year, the cost covered by private donor funds to fulfill programs that should've been covered by County funds, those funds could've saved each and every healthy and treatable dog who was euthanized so far this fiscal year. That's the tragic reality of underfunding programs such as these. Help our donor dollars stay where they are intended and help Maui Humane Society provide exceptional service to our community by fully funding the Animal Management programs. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jamie. Right on the money. Thank you very much. And Maggie will be followed Pat Bily.

MS. FANDRE: Good evening, Council. I'm very pleased to be here tonight. My name is Maggie Fandre and I am the mom of Hunter Urata, who spoke a few minutes ago on behalf of Hui Malama. I wanted to give you all a moment of a parent's perspective. I am the mom of four kids. I have a 21 year old, a 17 year old, Hunter who's 13, and an 11 year old. We've spent many years in the public school system here on Maui. My children were all born here and we have lived the last 20 years in Kanaio. And if you know where Kanaio is, it is from the Pukalani Community Center, an hour that direction, to the most beautiful part of the island. But we do a lot of four-wheel driving and rough roads out there. So, when I bring my children to school, we travel quite a distance encountering numerous things--ranch work, tourists, car accidents, car problems of our own. So, we've been through quite a bit in our many years going through school here. Hunter attended Kula Elementary School and I love Kula School very much, but Hunter showed signs at a very young age of having some trouble with his reading and writing. And I struggled and struggled, year after year, to find Hunter the help that he needed, and the attention that he needed so that he could progress in class, and move forward with the other students. And it just wasn't happening. Being discouraged and concerned for my son who

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showed up at school every day, curled up in a ball and not wanting to go, home schooled him and began searching for another place that would be comfortable and safe, and attend to his learning needs. And I searched high and low and upon the recommendation of a very good friend and some other people that we know we found Hui Malama. My 17 year old daughter graduated from Hui Malama earlier in the year and Hunter is there from the beginning of the school year till now. He has progressed in so many ways that I just feel so proud to be here and speak for the school. They have attended to his learning needs. They have opened doors for him to become aware of certain things --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. FANDRE: --that are going on in the community. They have just really helped him come into himself, bring himself out, and be able to not only feel proud of his own learning, but be able to come and stand in front you, speak for the school. He gets up every day and he wants to go to school. So, thank you so much for your support of Hui Malama, and not only that, but of the families that have to bring their children, and be a part of those schools. I really appreciate it because we've really found the place that we belong. We feel very welcome there and that younger son that we have he'll probably be going there too. So, thank you so much, continue supporting Hui Malama.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Maggie. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Pat will be followed by Sandy Ryan.

MR. BILY: Aloha, Committee Chair White, and the rest of our esteemed and Council that makes the rest of the State envious. For you guys that don't know me, my name is Pat Bily. I am into my 24<sup>th</sup> year working for The Nature Conservancy on Maui. And so I don't sound like a broken record most of you folks know what I'm going to be talking about. It is watershed protection and specifically more support, which I see is already outlined in the budget for the Department of Water Supply's Watershed Program. And it's a really good ingenious way to kind of short cut a lot of the bypasses that we'd have to go around otherwise to get that money more directly into the needs. As you know, those needs, it's a common denominator with everybody that's testifying in this room--water. And the source of that water we take for granted, but those of you that have been up to the watersheds know how important it is. And along with the invasive species battles that we continue to go...we do have some great progress. We have about 12,000 acres now that's fenced in that's nearly pig free. We've been trying to get 'em out for decades and have been pretty successful. So, anybody that wants to come up to Waikamoi with me, and I can show you first hand night and day differences from the areas that look like a pigsty to that's really nice, solid, native forest now. Our best recharge system. Please get in touch with me or I'll get in touch with you. And anyway, I wanted to express the support for the Council over the years. Maui County Council is innovative in so many ways. So, I remember formation of the East Maui Watershed Partnership in 1991, the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership, later on the Maui Invasive Species Committee, and these are all important groups that you guys have given a great amount of support to. So my appreciation for that, and especially appreciation

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for your support with the Department of Watershed Grants Management Program, because that's going to be critical to shortcutting a lot of the funding that we need. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And I want to thank you all for your work because, as you know, last year the State had about 750 or more than 750,000 then...a lot of money that they had to use and Maui ended up, I think, getting at least in the neighborhood of three quarters of the funding because we had the infrastructure in place to make use of that, where the other counties did not.

MR. BILY: Yeah, you notice the other islands are jealous of us.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MR. BILY: The Watershed Partnerships and the Invasive Species Committee are, you know.

CHAIR WHITE: I just say that because, I think, it's important for everyone here to know that you guys have created an infrastructure that makes it possible for us to get these additional funds and to support that great work that you do.

MR. BILY: Appreciate it.

CHAIR WHITE: Appreciate it.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

MR. BILY: Amen.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you very much. And you were...there's been other testimony that the Watershed Protection funding has been cut. Do you know where that has been cut?

MR. BILY: It's been cut?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah or reduced?

MR. BILY: I believe, if there's a reduction it's pretty marginal. I think things are flat on the budget --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. BILY: --this year for that. But the point is with this evolving program through the Department of Water Supply, they probably will be needing administrative assistance to run the programs smoothly.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, good. Something that you might be able to do to help us out as well is to talk to your Senators, and pretty much everybody in this room can talk to their Senators, and talk to them about removing the cap on the TAT to allow us to have some more funds so that we can help you out. But they're not going to fund the watershed directly then if you can put pressure on them to remove the TAT cap that will help us get funds to help you out.

MR. BILY: Yeah, that's an excellent point and actually our external affairs guy for The Nature Conservancy in Honolulu is pushing for that specifically. But, you know, it's a mixed ball funding coming from different sources and we couldn't do it without Maui County. You know, just real quick on a side note, Council Guzman, I nominated a 600 plus year old ohia lehua to be exceptional tree status you may have heard about. And it's been approved by the Arborist Committee since last year so that will be coming on your lap probably in the next couple weeks. And if you want more information, I'll give you a way to get in contact with me about that and you can even come see the bugger if you want.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you very much for your testimony this evening.

MR. BILY: You're welcome.

CHAIR WHITE: And following Sandy Ryan, we will take about a five minute break.

MS. RYAN: Aloha, and good evening, Chair White, Council members. A lot of things that I...are coming to mind as I stand here. First of all, mahalo to Team Baisa for the ono mea ai in the back. And my name is Sandy Ryan. I'm a Program Director at Maui Economic Development Board. I wanted to thank all of you for your active involvement in support of last week's Electric Utilities of the Future Conference. It was great to see so many of you there. Tonight, however, I'm here to speak on behalf of Hui Malama Learning Center. For the last seven years, I've been involved on their Board of Directors, currently serve as the Board President. You'll be hearing about other aspects of Hui Malama throughout the hearings from parents, students, teachers, and other board members. Tonight my message, and for some time now, has been one size does not fit all. I came to Hui Malama as a parent eight years ago when my son...it wasn't working out for him in the public school system and we found really a home for him at Hui Malama. Hui Malama uses a project based and youth engagement methodology in its curriculum that develop the whole person. One way our approach fills the gaps in educational services is through our relationships and partnerships with local employers and businesses that help equip our students with skills and ideas for careers that they can take right here in our community. A number of those partnerships involve MEDB, Community Work Day, the Maui School Garden Network, Friends of the Children's Justice Center, the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, University of Hawaii Maui College's SLIM Program, and numerous cultural and agricultural based groups. We leverage these partner resources to improve the quality of our programming and curriculum and to provide our teachers with professional development. These partnerships also give our students access to career opportunities and exposure to excursions that



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open their eyes to jobs that they can take right here in our community. In closing, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of Hui Malama.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Sandy. Any questions for the testifier?

MS. RYAN: Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we're a little past the halfway mark so thank you all for your patience and we will be back in five minutes. Recess. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS: 7:43 P.M.**

**RECONVENE: 7:54 P.M.**

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . Okay, we're going to move right along and now I'm a little bit...somebody has been...okay, the next testifier is Diane Logsdon and she'll be followed by Kane Quinabo.

MS. LOGSDON: Thank you so much. My name is Diane Logsdon. I'm representing Kula AARP and asking for the support of the MEO Bus. But that's not the hat I'm going to wear tonight. I'm going to wear my Maui Friends of the Library hat, and the Friends helped to renovate the Lahaina Library, and now we're asking for you to support the grant to the Lahaina Restoration Foundation to do the landscaping. It's for the whole area, for the Front Street area, and for the Harbor area. And I don't see too well so you have to bear with me. The proposed grant...it's under the Parks and Recreation and it will fund the Lahaina Harbor, Harbor front, oh boy, improvement project that...anyway, it's going to be Hawaiian trees and plants. It's going to be a beautiful rock wall. It's going to be a beautiful lawn and there's a taro patch. And then there will also be signs that are up there for the...for people to read about the history of the area and it's going to be really beautiful. So, I want to urge you to support that foundation...that grant to the foundation. That's it.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And, I believe, most of us have seen the plans and it looked great and that is one of the things that the Harbor area really needs.

MS. LOGSDON: Yes, it does. And it will be great.

CHAIR WHITE: And it's very heavily used.

MS. LOGSDON: For residents and tourists alike, yes.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much for coming tonight, Diane.

MS. LOGSDON: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIR WHITE: Kane Quinabo will be followed Ann Cua. Is Kane here? Okay, probably headed home. Ann Cua and Ann will be followed by Jim St. James.

MS. ANN CUA: Good morning, Chair, and members of the Council.

CHAIR WHITE: It's not morning, Ann.

MS. ANN CUA: Oh, I'm sorry. Good evening, sorry. Thinking I'm working. It's been a long day.

CHAIR WHITE: I know --

MS. ANN CUA: My name is Ann Cua.

CHAIR WHITE: -- at the Chambers you appear in the mornings.

MS. ANN CUA: It's true. My name is Ann Cua and I am the President of the Maui High School Band Boosters. And I'm here today...tonight to ask your support of our line grant for the band. I've been the Booster President for four years now, going on five, and I've seen the impact that this program has on the students. I've had two children go through the program and it's just been amazing. And I see the growth in them. I see how they're challenged. You've witnessed their work and it's been very gracious of you to have them in your Chamber and to acknowledge their hard work and we really appreciate that. We got invited, as you know, to the Rose Parade in 2015. And our band director put in a tape just to send an audition not thinking that we could possibly get chosen because the Rose Parade chooses 18 bands in the nation, that's it. So, on little Maui we never thought we'd get picked. However, we did and so we're like, oh, my gosh, now what? You know, so as a booster our job is to support the program. And so, we're raising funds to send these kids to Pasadena. We're doing a number of things from grants. We have a large fundraiser dinner coming up in Makena on July 26. We have an alumni challenge, which is going very great. All the Maui High classes are contributing to the program. We also have a PayPal account. And then we're doing things like selling mochi crunch and selling plate lunches. We're doing it all. We're doing the gamut. We're...the kids are pounding the pavement. They're working hard to do this. So, you know, I'm here today to ask for your support to send them here. I never realized how large this parade was. You know, I come from Maui, I don't know how big it is. And when I heard that there's 700,000 people in attendance at this parade and it's televised to 75 million people worldwide. I was like, oh, my gosh. This is huge. You know, so, we have a responsibility to get there to make Maui proud. And we just need all the help that we can get. So, we thank you for the support that you always give the band. You've been so gracious with your time, your money, your encouragement, and we just ask for your continued support. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: We know you'll represent us proudly.

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MS. ANN CUA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ann. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, if we have questions we'll ask you later. Okay, Jim St. James is next and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He had to go.

CHAIR WHITE: --he had to go? Okay, thank you. Donna Clayton and Donna will be followed by Doug MacCluer.

MS. CLAYTON: I'm Donna Clayton. I'm President of the Pukalani Community Association and our Association came up with our budget request for this County budget. And we have five items and I'd just like to touch on. The reason we reformed was we were unhappy with the bus route in our community and we really don't have any resolution of that yet. But, you know, what, I think, is great is if we could meet with Jo Anne Johnson Winer and her team over a map and draw out a bus route that would work now, you know, figure that out and also one for the future. Why are we not doing that so we could plan for the future so that everybody who rented or bought in there would know they were on a bus line or not, whether they wanted to or not, and bus stops too? So, that's really what we'd like to do. We have sidewalks. We just need a little bit of help with sidewalks because we're so happy that the kids can come down from King K. But now when they enter the upper part of Pukalani there's a very narrow street and they're on a dangerous road there. The upper part of Iolani that comes around to the Pukalani Superette, and then below on Old Haleakala Highway, below Pukalani Street, that really is a dangerous area. And, I know, it's difficult but a lot of the sidewalk is in. It's just not all the way and I wondered if the new housing development that's being processed below that...I wondered if they would be asked to do sidewalk across their development. If they are it would be smarter for them not to put it across that but to go up with it because across the development just takes them to the highway, you know. But if it was highway...if they did sidewalk up to Pukalani and filled in the pieces that would be good. We have, I haven't heard anybody else say this tonight, but we have a feral chicken and rooster issue that is causing animosity between our neighbors and I don't know what can be done about that. I know, Jim St. James, who had to leave is working with the County and if something could be helped along that line, I think, it would be a nicer community. We're very thrilled with our Pukalani Park and Hannibal Tavares Center, but this beautiful facility needs to be kept up, and Brianne Savage has been working with this on an improved cleaning schedule. And we would like her request...we understand she's put in a request for --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. CLAYTON: --tennis courts and basketball courts. Thank you. And so, we'd like that to be funded and a couple of picnic benches and trees. Why can't we put trees in parks? I don't understand that. We have to change that. And then, of course, we support the skateboard park. My final comment is I'm so worried about those fire ants. Do something now with the fire ants. I'm just frantic. I don't want them in my bed in Pukalani and I don't think anybody else does either.

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Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any questions for the testifiers? Thank you very much for your testimony. And we do have your written testimony, don't we? Okay, thank you. And Doug MacCluer --

MR. MACCLUER: Hi.

CHAIR WHITE: --will be followed Audrey Guerrero.

MR. MACCLUER: Council members, I've been a farmer here on Maui for 50 years. That's a long time. Gladys knows. We were farmers together and we made some profits and we lost some money. We're still farming. I'm still farming after all these years. And it's a crime that we import so much food because we...when I came to Maui we farmed it all and, Mike White knows. We farmed it all and we ate what we had, and we did that, and we all passed out mangos, and we passed out lychee, and we ate out of our gardens, and in those days it wasn't a crime to take ag in school. Now, it's all the kids that are in ag are...I've taught at King K and all of the retards are working there. Well, it's the truth. But I got out of the teaching business. But I urge the County to support conservation, Ag in the Classrooms, the Farm Bureau, and all that stuff. But because the Feds won't do it, the State wouldn't do it, and so it leaves the County to do it. So, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. MacCluer. And Audrey will be followed by Helen McCord.

MS. GUERRERO: Good evening. My name is Audrey Guerrero. I'm President of the Heritage Hall organization. Heritage Hall, I think, most of you know but some don't, is a community of Puerto Ricans and Portuguese. This is...what we're trying to do is to keep our culture and heritage together in order so that we can pass it on to our children. It's something that we don't want them to forget. We came here, this is how they got here, how long we've been here, and to teach them how to cook the way that we learned, how to dance the way that we danced. These are all things that we're trying to do, okay. So far, you have been so supportive of us and we thank you very much. We ran into a situation where we're now short of funds with our contract with Arisumi Brothers. Okay. There were extra costs because of relocating of an electric pole. We've drawn plans for...to draw the plans for the fire sprinkler system and for the fire sprinkler system itself because we did not have enough water flow to meet the County standards for the fire suppression. So, all of this adds up and adds up and adds up and every time we do something different it also costs the architect. Okay, so, what we're doing is we're asking for your support now. And we really would appreciate it. I'd like to introduce all of the members that are here tonight and these are only part of them. Would you please stand? If you got any questions you may ask them. I appreciate them. Thank you. I appreciate you all.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Audrey.

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MS. GUERRERO: Any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: Any questions for the testifier?

MS. GUERRERO: Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And Helen will be followed by Margaret Sneed.

MS. MCCORD: Good evening.

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MS. MCCORD: My name is Helen McCord. Thank you for holding this session and giving us the opportunity to talk to you. I'm here on behalf of Aloha House, Malama Family Recovery, and Maui Youth and Family Services. I've served on the board for 15 years and it's because I believe in what they do. I was given some cheat notes, which I will run through very quickly. The proposed 2015 County Budget for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns includes provisions for funding of substance abuse treatment services currently provided by Aloha House, Malama, and Maui Youth. These funds are included in the request for community partnership grants and for the targeted line items for substance abuse treatment. For many years, a portion of these funds have been used to provide partial support of the following essential and critically needed services for residents of Maui County: Aloha House, medically monitored detoxification services and residential treatment for adults; Malama Family Recovery, gender specific women's substance abuse, residential and outpatient treatment; and Maui Youth and Family Services, intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment for adolescence. These services are the only such services available on Maui and without continued financial support from the Maui County government these services could easily become no longer viable. Alcohol and drug addiction continue to be severe public health problems affecting a large segment of the population. Our three partner agencies witness countless success stories in helping people to recover from addiction and to lead productive lives where they are contributing members of our community rather than being a burden on many services, including the family health social services, the criminal justice services, and the work place in schools. It has been estimated that for every dollar spent on addiction treatment ten dollars are saved in reducing the economic burden on these systems. We thank you for your support of these efforts to help those with an addiction to alcohol and/or drugs to achieve and maintain long-term recovery. Many years ago, I was invited to come to one of the shelters and a little boy came up to me and grabbed my hand and said I want you to come meet my friend. And he pulled me out onto the patio and in the bucket there was a Jackson chameleon and that was his best friend. And we talked about Jackson chameleons and I said to him when we felt comfortable together, sweetheart you are only 12 years old and you are in --

MR. MOLINA: Three minutes.

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MS. MCCORD: --you are in this service. How did you get there? And he said, oh, my parents started me when I was six. There is a problem on this island and we appreciate your support. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Helen. Members, any questions? Okay, seeing none, Margaret Sneed will be followed by Nancy Johnson.

MS. SNEED: Aloha, Committee members. Thank you for being here tonight to listen to what the community members feel are their priorities for Fiscal Year '15's Budget. I am Margo Sneed and I am the Assistant Program Director at Parents and Children Together. We appreciate the County's support for PACT's Domestic Violence Intervention Program, the Family Peace Center, through the Community Partnership grant, and we look forward to your support again in the coming year. The Family Peace Center serves clients on Maui and Lanai. In 2013, our staff and volunteers assisted 293 persons in obtaining temporary restraining orders and court advocacy, developing family safety plans, and victim support counseling groups. We provided intervention to 476 men and women in our Kuleana Batterers Program. On the island of Lanai, we provided support for children witnesses to domestic violence as well as perpetrators of domestic violence with the goal of changing beliefs in order to stop gender violence. Last March on Molokai, we lost Malia Kahalewai to domestic violence. This year within a space of one month two women have gone missing. While Carly Scott's case has been reclassified to a homicide. Moreira "Mo" Monsalve is still listed as missing. The common thread was both that they had last been seen by their former boyfriends. We know that our Maui County Directors and Budget and Finance Committee have many serious needs facing them. We want to highlight the need for domestic violence intervention before more tragedy occurs. We appreciate the support that you have given the community by providing funding to support the programs at PACT that address violence prevention and intervention. We need to continue to look to our County for support for the programs as our State Judiciary only provides a small support amount of money in Maui County for domestic violence intervention. The number of clients who filed temporary restraining orders and joined support skills training groups to begin the journey towards a nonviolent family life has increased. In February alone, we filed 28 restraining orders. In March, we filed 27. In order for our staff to do these restraining orders, it takes two to three hours to file it and then get it to the Court. Victims should not be forced into a situation which asks them wait until tomorrow and come back then. For some, tomorrow will be too late. And finally, I want to leave you with a little message...kind of a little secret actually. We know how to end violence against women and children. And I am passing out to you, that's a handout that I gave you, 36 ways to stop violence in our homes and in our community.

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. SNEED: One of the ways is just coming and doing what I'm doing tonight and ask local and elective officials to take action to stop domestic violence through adequate program funding. Please pass out the information onto someone you care about and hopefully copy it to your whole office and neighborhood. Working together we hope to make domestic violence a thing of

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the past. Please approve the full amount that the Mayor has requested for community partnership grants to support PACT and other valuable community resources. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Margo. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, appreciate your testimony this evening.

MS. SNEED: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Nancy Johnson will be followed by Sebastian Nola.

MS. JOHNSON: Good evening, Council members.

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MS. JOHNSON: I'm Nancy Johnson and I'm happy to introduce to you my colleagues, Anne Scharnhorst and Denise Cohen, who are the Allied Health Department Chairs at the college now. I'm here to talk to you about the college, and I'm here to thank you, and to tell you that we were successful in your support for the Allied Health Oral Health Center. We now have full State funding for our faculty and for the facility and the facility should be finished in December of this year or early January of next year. With your help, we were able to provide 80,000 visits to our Oral Health Center for people who wouldn't have been able to go to the dentist otherwise. And we had 179 graduates of the Dental Assisting Program and 19 graduates of our Dental Hygiene Program. And both of these programs are nationally accredited. And now we have full State funding because you funded it and demonstrated there was a need on our...in our community. But we're here today to talk to you about a new need. You've all heard about the Affordable Care Act and how healthcare is changing and on the back here I put some slides that you can't see very well, but you can go to the Governor's website about healthcare transformation in Hawaii. But what it says is that in addition to the dentist and the dental hygienist and the nurses that we need that because healthcare is changing so much and moving to the community that we need a new type of healthcare provider--a community-based healthcare provider. So, I provided you with information from several sources that talk about the different health careers. And at our college, they did a survey in the fall to see how many students were coming to the college for health careers. Seven hundred and eighty of the students who were declared, that was 26 percent of the students coming to the college, were interested in a health career. That's vastly more than we could provide education in dental or nursing. But these individuals can take one year certificate programs and meet the needs of our elderly people. And if you look on the second page, I took some graphs out of the Maui County General Plan and what they show is this huge increase...35 percent increase by 3030 [sic] of the population on Maui. And --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

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MS. JOHNSON: --yeah, and in addition to that the population is going to be old. Forty thousand is gonna 65 years and older and 20,000, 75 years and older. They need these individuals that we want to prepare and we don't have faculty funding. We're using lecturers. We're asking...our request is to fund the lecturers to demonstrate to the State we need State funding for these positions. So, thank you very much for your help.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony. Members, questions? Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you for being here. So, you had said last year and rightly so that you were done with this program with the Oral Health Center and it sounds like it you did a really good job. So, did the faculty or the Administration of the college say that the State isn't going to give funds or did you try and get funds through the State Legislature?

MS. JOHNSON: For these lecturer positions? No, the college hasn't requested those funds because these are what are called emerging health careers. And so, we actually need to demonstrate the need for these health careers and that's why we're asking you to help us fund those for a year or two as lecturers and then we can ask for positions. But currently, we don't have funding for these positions. And there in the handout it lists the different careers and the one I gave you, the curriculum for is a brand curriculum for the community health work or health navigator. This is a one-year certificate program that we just started this year.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, I think, you might have heard what I said to one of the other testifiers. It would help us if you get in touch with the Senators, the State Legislature, and ask to have the cap on the TAT removed. That would help us greatly. So, if you can get all your students to inundate them with phone calls that would help.

MS. JOHNSON: Okay, and I will also talk to the Chancellor about that too.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

MS. JOHNSON: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, ladies.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Our testifier is Sebastian Nola who will be followed by Shannon. I better put my glasses back on. It looks like Paapanen. Sorry if I messed up that name. Please proceed.

MR. NOLA: Councilmember White and members of the County Budget Committee. My name is Sebastian Bash Nola. I'm an energy consultant here on Maui and I provide consulting services to the Blue Planet Foundation and to the Renewable Energy Development Industry. My wife



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and I reside here in Makawao. As member of the planning committee for the recently concluded Maui Electric Utility Energy Conference, I would like to express my desire to see the County continue to provide vigorous support and funding for the Maui Economic Development Board. This conference was an enormous success in part due to the work of the board. It represented the first step in establishing a dialogue between utilities and the stakeholders as to what an electric utility of the future will actually look like and the path to be taken while addressing the challenges and the opportunities in moving to a potentially new utility paradigm. With over 250 participants within the State of Hawaii, the mainland, and abroad, key energy experts identified what Hawaii needs to do to reach energy independence. This conference plotted our future of energy supply, distribution, and utilization that will hinge on the success of reducing and eliminating the use of fossil fuels and moving us to an indigenous renewable energy future. MEDB provided the venue, the assistance to the Planning Committee, and acted as a very effective facilitator in managing the conference logistics and dynamics. Through MEDB's efforts the networking opportunities for key energy leaders and constituents assisted in the continuing future energy dialogue. Part of this conference was focused on just Maui issues and Councilman Don Guzman, as Chairman of the Maui Energy Committee, participated in those discussions. Continued support and funding will strengthen MEDB's mission to facilitate conferences such as this one addressing critical energy needs. In addition, MEDB leverages the County's existing investment with other funding to implement programs that are vital to the economic growth of our County. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sebastian. Questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MR. NOLA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Shannon will be followed by Eric Amaral.

MS. PAAPANEN: Aloha, Committee Chair White and Council members. My name is Shannon Paapanen and I work at East Maui Watershed Partnership. I'm the Program Data Assistant in the office there. And I'd like to thank you all for your past support of the watershed projects. I just feel it's very important and your commitment to protect this essential resource is commendable and it's obvious. I believe in this work. I believe it needs to continue and so we're gonna need your ongoing support. And as the watershed continues to face threats, I'd just like to ask for your continued support and to support the Department of Water Supply's Watershed Protection Program. They've been great. The Department of Water Supply is a forerunner. They've been proactive in foreseeing in protecting our water resource and we very much...they've been great. So, I also like to ask you to support the Department of Water Supply in getting what they need to manage their Watershed Protection Grants Program as it is so that they can continue to do what they do to help us do what we do. So, thank you for your time and for taking time to do these hearings. Mahalo.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Shannon. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, appreciate your coming to this...this evening. And Eric will be followed by Marty Adler.

MR. AMARAL: Good evening.

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MR. AMARAL: Eric Amaral. Did you get the handout on the bus? Okay. Okay, yeah, the concern is for us residents...the current bus route. Two buses staged right here, drop off, pick up, and exit Pukalani, up Iolani Street towards the Superette. The concern is there's two really unsafe areas here. The first, if you did look at the pictures, anyway. Be staged right here and quite often the buses will park here for about ten minutes. This right lane here is a traveling lane. It's not a parking lane. Also, with the two buses that are staged there, if you see the picture, they quite often block the sidewalk or the crosswalks, I should say. It's a major safety issue there with...it's such a busy intersection in itself and creating this other obstacles it's really dangerous. And if you hit the top of Iolani Street, there's a telephone pole with a guy wire that's like 18 inches off the road, and with those 40-foot buses traveling, they're making wide turns, so they actually have to go into the down lane. So, if you're coming down that bus is coming head on into you. So, maybe pull some of the tapes from Jo Anne Johnson 'cause these are camera'd vehicles and see what the driver is seeing and, you know, and check that out. So, what we're trying to do is trying to use this Community Center as the turnaround as the transit hub area. That would provide...encourage park and ride. We have a lot of space here and there's gonna have to be some alterations. If we can get together with Parks, engineering, Public Works, they could probably do the work. One of the ideas, and if you see the pictures as well as the right turn lane coming up here to make the right turn, if you could cut an entrance in. So, if you're looking right, yeah. The buses could travel straight past this building and exit left. There's two lanes exiting this Community Center. They could stage in the right lane, used to have one right lane for one lane exiting, create such a safer thing. And things change. It's only gonna get --

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MR. AMARAL: --busier. It's a great system, great service, it's gonna grow. And other ideas, but if we can modify this area so it's a great thing. As far Haliimaile, they need...they're talking about a reverse route 'cause they cannot come up here from Haliimaile. They gotta ride the bus down and back up. So, maybe the Kula bus can shoot straight down right towards Haliimaile, pick up whoever, maybe three times a day, and not every hour, or whatever, and come back around Makawao, and come back here. We see that the Kula bus is really underutilized when it comes through our area. So, maybe they can share that bus couple times, you know, through the day, or whatever. And no increase of cost or anything. Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Great ideas, thank you.

MR. AMARAL: Yeah.

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CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for the testifier?

MR. AMARAL: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Eric. And thank you for the diagrams and the photographs. And Marty Adler will be followed by Brian Ventura.

MR. ALDER: Good evening, Council members, Budget Committee Members. My name is Marty Adler. I've been asked to speak a few minutes about the Red Cross and why I volunteer for the Red Cross here on Maui. And I should say that the Red Cross is just a spectacular organization generally and here I've been astounded by it. I've been volunteer all my life, whether it's, you know, going into schools, and reading to kids, or doing Junior Achievement. I was a Peace Corps volunteer. The thing that has impressed me the most perhaps is the variety and quality of people who freely give enormous amounts of time and energy to protect and help their neighbors in time of need. I've been involved with the Red Cross now for about four years and at this point I am a Disaster Action Team Captain. And what that means is that when there's a house fire, when there is a flood and somebody's house is flooded out, when there is a fire in a condo, when we are under threat of tsunami, under threat of hurricane, these volunteers come together and get involved in taking care of their neighbors. And we're often arriving on the scene right with the Fire Department. And in these moments when people are really just at a loss the Red Cross comes in there and provides emotional support, provides basic kinds of needs, housing, bedding, clothing, even a little help with temporary food and costs. And as I alluded to earlier when I look at the astounding variety of people who get involved in this activity, they're from every sector of Maui, every community, and they're putting out a lot, a lot of effort. We have one paid person on Maui, the Director, and everybody else is a volunteer. And I feel proud and humble to be part of that activity. And the final thought is this, we have a cadre of people.

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MR. ADLER: We've got more than a hundred volunteers now. But, you know, the population of Maui is growing and in fact we've been pretty fortunate in terms of major disasters over the last few years. We have a network of shelters and so forth, but, you know, this is a program of neighbors taking care of neighbors. And I'm involved in it for that reason. I feel proud to be part of a community of a culture where neighbors take care of neighbors. The Red Cross fosters that and we need a little extra support. I hope you will look kindly on that request for support. Thank you very much for your time and attention.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Thank you, Marty. Any questions? Marty. Oh, wait.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh, I'm sorry. Not, not...

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, I'm sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just a quick announcement that Team Baisa will be closing up the refreshment area. So, if you'd like something please make a quick dash because the volunteers are going to pack up and we want to thank them for being here tonight. So, please help yourselves now if you'd like something. Thank you.

MR. VENTURA: Good evening.

CHAIR WHITE: Please proceed, thank you.

MR. VENTURA: Thank you. My name is Brian Ventura. First of all, thank you very much for coming out and listening to all of us. I represent HYSA, Hawaii Youth Soccer Association. I'm on the Maui Board and I'm also on the State Board. I don't know why I'm here. I'm here because Brienne Savage told me to come here. She has been phenomenal. By the way, we just completed our seasons and through all the hardships, struggles, and this winter has been insane with the rain. Their response time has been phenomenal and we really appreciate that. There's about 25,000 kids Statewide it's estimated that play soccer. And I just want support the Mayor's Budget proposal for field maintenance, for all the parks services, improvements. And we, you know, we are again a volunteer board. And we love what we do. We love seeing the kids enjoy it. I would also like to support the proposed, what is that, the park coming in. Yeah. No, not the skate park. I'm all for them. I disagree with him. Group activities are on the rise. Soccer is the largest growing sport in the nation. But no, the sports park, Central Maui Sports Park, that is coming up. We are in the process of talking to State...as I said I'm on the State Board. We're talking to them about getting some of the tournaments that are run on Oahu actually placed on Maui and that will bring a lot of revenue. I just took my team over for the President's Day Cup and we spent about \$10,000 on Oahu to get 10-year olds over there to play soccer...that was 104 teams. Maui United has a tournament coming this summer where they have six teams coming in from California. So, we're expecting a lot of draw to come from the outer islands and hopefully that brings some revenue and a lot of competition for our kids. So, thank you very much and appreciate your time.

CHAIR WHITE: Thanks for what you do, Brian. I neglected to announce the next testifier, but the next testifier is Adela Lua and following Adela will be Donna Sterling.

MS. LUA: Hola, buenas noches. ¿Todos estan despiertos? Are you all awake? My name is Adela Lua and I am here supporting and giving my testimony about Enlace Hispano, part of the MEO. And I'm gonna start with letting you guys know a little bit about myself. Three months ago, I did something kind of crazy, kind of out there. I moved to Maui from California. I didn't have a job, didn't have any services, or resources, or anyone except my boyfriend. I moved out here to be with him. And the first thing I did was go on Google and looked for services, Latino community, and the first thing that popped up was the MEO and Enlace Hispano. I got connected with them and now I can say three months later I am involved in many things. I'm involved in the medical interpreter course at Maui College. I am doing translating of documents

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for Latino community members. I am volunteering at the museums--the Bailey House, learning about culture. And...shoot. I'm doing many things, let's just leave it at that. And the bottom line is that there are networks of people out there. Latino community members, we represent over 12,000 on the island. I did a little research and we connect with each other. We assist each other and those services are needed and that network is big. And even though it's a small island, it's a big help. And that is the rest...that's it. Thank you. Any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Adela. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, and following Donna will be Marisa Provost.

MS. STERLING: Aloha, everybody. My name is Donna Sterling. I am a resident of Kahikinui Maui, a lineal decedent of a woman named Nahuina. I'm here to testify in support of the Mayor's proposal to fund Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa in the planning and the design of the memorial for Kalaupapa. I'm going to tell you a story about how I got involved. In 2011, I attended a Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa Exhibit in Kula and in one of the books I saw my ancestor's name, which is Nahuina on a bronze plaque at the Siloama Church in Kalaupapa. After some conversation with Val Monson, I learned that Nahuina was one of the first three women sent to Kalaupapa on January 6, 1866, and was the founder of Siloama Church. I may never know where she's buried, possibly in a large graveyard, of more than 2,000 unmarked graves. The two most powerful moments for me was to see Nahuina's name on a church plaque during the visit to Kalaupapa, participating in the church ceremony honoring the descendants of the early members of Siloama. It is my hope that others will...others seeking their family will experience what I have with Nahuina. Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa has also done extensive research for people that have connected family members to Kalaupapa. And I wanted to share a friend of mine who was unable to make it tonight who through the help of Val Monson and Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa. And I'm going to use it in his words. So, I so quote, in my place I had a great, great, grandfather on his father's side that worked with Administration in Kakaako and Kalaupapa. After leaving Kalaupapa, he moved to Halawa, Molokai, built a school and became a school teacher. His son became a rancher on Kauai, plantation manager, and judge in Kohala. My grandmother became a resident, changed her name to save the family, the stigma of leprosy, or Hansen's disease, and taught school there until her death in 1946. That year her daughter, my mom, also lost her home, and all the belongings in the April Fool's Day tsunami in Keaukaha.

MR. MOLINA: Thirty seconds.

MS. STERLING: I feel that the support needs to be given to Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa in the Mayor's proposal for funding in the memorial for we the lineal descendants to carry on. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony. Questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you for coming tonight. And Marisa will be followed by Robb Finberg.

MS. PROVOST: Hi, good evening.

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CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MS. PROVOST: Thank you for being here tonight and listening to all these great testimonies. And my name is a little different. We live...my family and I have just purchased a home on Kokomo Road and it's very widely used road as we all know in Haiku. And our house sits about the top of the second cul de sac and we get a lot of traffic that likes to really gun it right past our house. So, we're asking if you guys could put in some speed tables for us because it's a big problem. Since the Maui Humane Society and the SPCA are having trouble with funding it might help with the animals in our neighborhood. We have kids that play in the road there and also just for our family's general health if I'm out in the garden I get blasted with exhaust. It's kind of gross. And so, hopefully we can get some speed tables in. I'm also hoping that Kokomo Road can be paved all the way up to Makawao because it's a big, widely used road. And the grocery store and post office, that little intersection, it's a two-way stop, and I was hoping for possibly a four-way stop because it is extremely dangerous and people are constantly confused when they are approaching that intersection. So, I know, Dickenson Street was like that in Lahaina, and I witnessed many accidents, and I see now because that Haiku is getting busier that it's going to have accidents as well. So, those are my three concerns and thank you very much for being here tonight.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any questions for the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you and Marisa is it?

MS. PROVOST: Marisa.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Marisa, okay. Have you had a chance to talk with the Department of Public Works?

MS. PROVOST: You know, I've made several calls about this and I kind of got routed to different people. They brought me back to you, Mr. White. So, that's why I'm here.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, and the other thing on Kokomo Road, it's my understanding, I believe, you know, it's on the schedule. A portion of it now and a portion of it next year, I believe.

MS. PROVOST: Wonderful.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: For a completely rebuild, not just resurfacing, a complete rebuild.

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MS. PROVOST: It needs it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So, that might be a time that you may want to fill out the form. There's a form on the Public Works website that says request for speed tables and you have to get 80 percent of your neighbors that would be affected by the speed tables to sign the form and then they'll put 'em right in.

MS. PROVOST: Okay, wonderful.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, it's a good time to do it.

MS. PROVOST: Right before. Okay. And it's the Public Works?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Maui County website...Public Works.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, we'll contact you. My office will contact you.

MS. PROVOST: Wonderful, thank you very much. You guys have a great evening.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Okay, Robb will be followed by Rodney Ryugo.

MR. FINBERG: Thank you very much. My name is Robb Finberg. I tell you it's been a wonderful exercise in democracy tonight hearing all our community makes me want to pay more taxes. Just appreciate this.

CHAIR WHITE: See, that's one out of how many?

MR. FINBERG: I'm here to briefly talk about a project that I got involved with, which is the Aloha Heritage Center. We have through the generosity of several organizations and individuals acquired eight acres of land and we want to build on this island a heritage center talking about Hawaii's great heritage. If we don't tell our young people about what happened here in the islands, where are they gonna hear about it? If we don't tell the two million visitors on a good year that come here, where are they gonna hear about? I think that the great heritage in the Kingdom of Hawaii is understated at best. So, we intend to that. I've distributed a brochure, which you have available to you and some e-mails I sent. And with that here on the number one island destination of the world, I think, we should do it. We have foundations who want to help us. We have two of the world's finest designers. One of 'em happens to be a resident here in Maui who has designed for Disney and Las Vegas and South Korea and China and everywhere. And he's never done a project here on Maui until he got acquainted with this one. The encouragement of a couple of the Council members, I am here before you. We have a planning need of \$150,000 that will bring us right up to building permit, finish our things, give us a movie, a fly through all of the financials. If it's possible, I'm here. Thank you very much.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Finberg. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, we appreciate you coming tonight.

MR. FINBERG: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Rodney will be followed by Givonn Osterneck.

MR. RYUGO: Good evening, Chair White, Members of the Budget and Finance Committee. My name is Rod Ryugo. I'm representing myself. I'm here to ask that you support the Mayor's Budget for 2015, all that he asks, even give him an extra seven million just in case of emergencies that may occur in 2015. I'm also asking that you all support the Parks and Recreation Department request for their operating budget. And specifically they're interested in one part-time and one...the six full-time security...park security officers for this Budget 2015. And that's all I have to say. Thank you for your service to Maui County's past and present and future. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Rodney. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thanks for coming tonight. And Givonn will be followed by Ben Wilson.

MR. OSTERNECK: Good evening. Aloha, Council members. My name is Givonn Osterneck. I'm 31 years old, born and raised in Kula. I came to represent the East Maui Watershed Partnership, who I have been employed for the last eight-and-a-half years. I started as a field technician, I was promoted to a field specialist, now I function as field crew leader. I organize week-long camp trips for up to five committed crew members to go out and practice like conservation goals. Most of the crew has family and sometimes they can't see their family for up to two weeks in a month. So, my point is the crew is willing to sacrifice time away from their family to help protect and preserve our Watershed Ecosystem so our children can enjoy and experience all the benefits of a healthy functioning system that we have today. So, we hope to continue our careers in conservation with the continued support from the Watershed Protection Program through Department of Water Supply. Let us help leave these islands in better shape than we found them. Thanks for the help. This Council sets a standard for Watershed support across the State. So, thank you guys.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony. Any questions, Members? Thank you. And Ben Wilson will be followed by Leonard Hasse, our last testifier of the evening.

MR. WILSON: Hi, and hello, Finance Committee. My name is Ben Wilson. I'm speaking in behalf of Makawao Head Start A. I have a daughter in Head Start and it has been wonderful for her. She's four years old. She's been there for a year and it has helped her development and her happiness and her social skills very much. And I would like to thank you for the funding and ask that the County please continue funding Head Start for the next year. It has definitely been a help in working and it just helps my family greatly. Thank you.



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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony, Ben. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you and our. . .

MR. HASSE: I'm Len Hasse. I'm clean up tonight. I'm a retired professional engineer...civil engineer. I live on Piiholo Road, three miles up. I want to compliment the Committee members for the articles you have been publishing in *The Maui News*. I think they're outstanding. Please keep up the communication and the articles. I would urge the Committee to keep the repair and maintenance of the infrastructure at the highest priority. If you don't do that things are gonna break and the cost to repair them are gonna go up. If you want to get the broad spectrum of a maintenance program start in the middle of Makawao Town, drive up Olinda, come around and down Piiholo, and I dare you to stay in your lane, and keep the same speed limit, the proper speed limit. And that will give you a spectrum on appreciation of a maintenance program from one end to the other. We've identified problems but along with that we've identified solutions or proposed solutions. We did that for maintenance program for roads and so on. I just wish it would be implemented. But just at this time, I'd like to thank the Committee for your support of the Upcountry community. Have any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: I think you would probably be more than happy to share some of your speed bumps with other communities.

MR. HASSE: They're free. They have grown twice as high in the past three years and that's why I urge the new Committee members to drive Makawao, up Olinda, and down Piiholo, just one time. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: It's pretty shocking.

MR. HASSE: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Mr. Hasse.

**...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...**

CHAIR WHITE: And I want to thank all of you for coming this evening and thank you for those of you who have stuck it out the entire evening. And please keep abreast of what we are doing as we go through the Budget and we'll look forward to seeing you at other meetings. Aloha...oh, just a minute. Yeah, I guess, I'm supposed to say one last call if there's anyone here who hasn't yet testified and is interested in doing so? Seeing none, we will adjourn this meeting. Thank you all for coming. Aloha. ...*(gavel)*...

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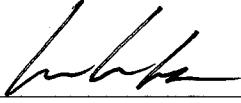
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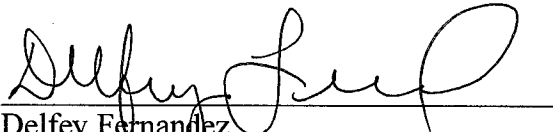
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