

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Hana Community Center

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair (in 6:52 p.m.)
Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member (in 6:52 p.m.)
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

STAFF: Kim Willenbrink, Legislative Analyst
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office
Morris Haole, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Robert Carroll

ADMIN.: Ezekiel Kalua, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Mayor

OTHERS: Rick Rutiz, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike
Edwin Matsuda, Business Development Center, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Stacey Moniz, Executive Director, Women Helping Women
John Kahalehoe, Sr., Hana Health
Scott Crawford, Office of Economic Development
Sheila Roback, Senior Center Director, Hale Hulu Mamo
Gale Notestone, Captain, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Lehua Cosma, President, Hui Laulima O Hana Dialysis Home
Pat Cosma, Hui Laulima O Hana Dialysis Home
Greg Braymen, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Keoki Kalani, Executive Director, Hana Youth Center and Hana Health
Mike Opgenorth, Director, Kahanu Garden and Preserve
Lia Williams, Feed My Sheep
Joanne Young, Hui Laulima O Hana Dialysis Home
Terry Kristiansen
Janet Six, Acting Interim Director, Hana Cultural Center
Alma En Paz, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Kumu Kamalu Kahookele, President, Nahiku Community Association

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Shane Sinenci
Cynthia Santiago, Executive Director, Ohana Makamae
Stacy Lynch
Ka Wolfgramm, Feed My Sheep
Kathleen Street, Hale Hulu Mamo and Hana Canoe Club
Barbara Ann Benton
Myrna Costello
Others (21)

**ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
OF MAUI (CC 15-41)**

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good evening, Hana.

GALLERY: Good evening.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha. Thank you all for coming this evening. My name is Mike White. I'm the Vice-Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and I'd like to turn it over to your representative, Bob Carroll, to do the introductions this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Aloha, everyone.

GALLERY: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: And we have to my left over here, Gladys Baisa from Upcountry.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Hi, everybody.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Then we have Don Guzman from Kahului.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Don Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: And our Chair, oh, excuse me, there we are Stacy. Stacy Crivello from the Island of Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: And our Chair, Mike White, from Haiku and that area. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Bob. And the Chair of the Committee and the representative from West Maui, Elle Cochran, will be arriving shortly. They flew in because they had other commitments on the other side. So they'll be joining us shortly but we're gonna go ahead and get started. So without objections, Members, we'll call the first testifier.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And the first testifier is Rick Rutiz.

.BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. RUTIZ: Aloha. Thank you very much for coming out. I guess we've all been here before and couple things different I guess with us is I'd like to thank you for supporting all of us here. There's so many different groups. If I name 'em, I'm going to forget someone. But here in Hana, what goes around helps everyone. If we can help someone, they help us. So your help is very broad. And then a special thanks from about, I don't know, 500 people in the last month have thanked me for the shower that you guys helped facilitate at Hamoa Beach, and again, we are all very grateful to have a place to shower and think about Kokee next time around. As for Ma Ka Hana, we're still doing the building with the kids. Each year we get a new group of kids in and we're able to help the community and the kids start to believe in themselves. Really that's what we're all about is kids believing in themselves and learning. We're also grateful for the support you give us on Mahele Farm, our community farm, which grows a lot of food, none of which is sold, and all of it goes straight into our community. That's about it. Just wanted again to thank you. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for all you do, Rick.

MR. RUTIZ: Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Any questions for Mr. Rutiz? Seeing none, thanks for being here this evening. Our next testifier is Edwin Matsuda.

MR. MATSUDA: Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Edwin Matsuda. I also would like to thank you for all the...helping out the Hana community and all the programs that you've assisted. I'm here tonight to testify on behalf of Craig Swift, the MEO Business Development Center, and the Core Four Program. I strongly believe that funding for this program, as well as a lot of other programs that MEO supports, should be continued. A dream of mine was always to own and operate a local, fast food restaurant here in Hana. My first opportunity came in early 1990's when the Protestant Church along with OHA decided to do the Hina Malailena Marketplace, but unfortunately, that fell through and a lot of potential tenants had their dreams crushed, as well as mine. At the time we had to drive to Kahului to attend business

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plan classes supported by OHA in order to get additional funding for the business. This Core Four Program that Craig does far exceeds what I learned at the OHA classes. Craig Swift is an excellent instructor and very knowledgeable and he has a lot of resources needed for anyone to achieve their goal, no matter what type of business you choose. I now feel confident that I can succeed in my business after learning about market research, competition analysis, projecting cash flow. However, while doing my research I found that Hana is in need of a commercial kitchen, which we do not have. And there are a lot of businesses out there...anyway food businesses that want to start but they can't because the only certified kitchen is out in Kipahulu and they're filled to capacity. Anyway, I spoke with Karen Arakawa of the Business Resource Center at the Maui Mall and informed her of the problem. And actually I suggested this be converted into a kitchen, but she told me that it still belongs to the State, and if it could be turned over to the County, then maybe something could be done. So I'm here to address that concern to see if something can be done about it. Thank you for your time. I appreciate it.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Edwin. Members, questions? Seeing none. Our next testifier is Stacey Moniz.

MS. MONIZ: Aloha, County Council. Thank you for coming to Hana. I'm a familiar face to you. I'm the Executive Director at Women Helping Women. But I do think I'm new to the people in Hana and that's part of the reason that I'm here. We put in an application to expand our services that Women Helping Women to do a part-time advocate in Hana. Right now we are subcontracting with Ohana Makamae to prepare temporary restraining orders, but that's a very limited scope of services, and Women Helping Women offers a much fuller scope of services. So we've written a 16-hour position into our existing line item, specifically to work in Hana to do whatever the people here need. Whether it's individual sessions, group sessions, community outreach, education, talking about the different kinds of services that we can provide out here in Hana so...and all of East Maui because that's what I've...I was here all day talking to people about what the needs are here. And so if any of you that are here tonight want to, I would love to hear from everybody about what kinds of domestic violence services we want to offer out here in Hana. So that's why I'm here and I wanted to explain why we asked for more money this year, but that's why I think it's an important outreach. Hana is definitely a geographically isolated and special community so we're excited to come here and I hope to become a familiar face and that Women Helping Women becomes a normal name here in this community as well.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Moniz. Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Ms. Moniz, for being here. So you say right now Ohana Makamae does some of the services that you're intending to do.

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MS. MONIZ: Yeah. So we've partnered with them and trained a couple of their staff on how to do temporary restraining orders. So we have a contract with the State of Hawaii to prepare the paperwork for a restraining order. So we did a subcontract with the Judiciary and Ohana Makamae so they get a portion of the restraining orders that they prepare here. And then when people have to go to court in Wailuku, then my staff will meet them there and go the whole court process with them. So we're partnering with them.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So would your services here take away from something they're doing or give them more time to do other things?

MS. MONIZ: No. In fact, in conversations with Ohana Makamae, what they had said was they wanted us to have an advocate here to do domestic violence because if they...if we paid for somebody in their office, they might end up doing their thing. What we wanted was a Women Helping Women staff.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. MONIZ: Yeah. Thanks for asking.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Please, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Stacey, for coming out to Hana. It's good that you're here where, you know, we're talking about the expansion.

MS. MONIZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: If you have the funding, are you thinking that Hana might need a shelter?

MS. MONIZ: You know, eventually. Back in the day, Hana had a series of safe houses. So people would offer their homes as a safe house. So that might be a solution—much like Lanai. We've been working on Lanai for 15 years and when we started it was a very small 16-hours just like we're proposing for Hana. Now we have one and a half staff on Lanai. We have a half-time in the school. So depending on what the community needs we'll expand as much as we need to, and maybe we do need a shelter, maybe we need to, you know, organize safe house 'cause people need to be able to work and take their kids to school. We understand all that.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm sure this community is no different than the other one.

MS. MONIZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It's just a little. . .

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MS. MONIZ: I've been hearing a lot --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

MS. MONIZ: --of the similarities with Lanai to Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Well, thank you very much for thinking about it. It's important.

MS. MONIZ: Yeah. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

MS. MONIZ: Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Quick question. Is the expansion that you've asked for in your budget, is it all for Hana or this spread out for. . .

MS. MONIZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. MONIZ: No, just the...we already get a line item from the County to do our emergency shelter and our outreach in Lahaina and Lanai. So it made sense to then come here first. And then we'll try to leverage like we do in our other offices other funding sources.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MONIZ: Yeah. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions, Members? Seeing none, thanks for being here.

MS. MONIZ: Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Next testifier is John Kahalehoe, followed by Scott Crawford.

MR. KAHALEHOE: Good evening, Maui County Council, Members. Welcome and thank you for coming to Hana. I am John Kahalehoe. I've been a resident here at Hana for the past 69 years, practically all of my life, and I also live here. I'm here to...this evening to ask for your support in funding from the CDBG grant, funds to help Hana Health in the planning and construction and building of a rehabilitation center. This facility will be used to provide services for the Hana community and its patients of Hana Health Center in getting rehabilitated. For example, I myself, have been attending therapy for my right injured shoulder which I have been in pain...heavy pain for the past month.

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I've attended Therapeutics Associates located at Kahului for the past eight weeks. It's required one hour per week for eight weeks. I'm required to perform several different types of physical exercise. Where I'm coming from is if there was a facility here at Hana to provide services for therapy, I wouldn't have spent two hours each way on Hana Highway traveling at least 50 plus somewhat miles on the Hana Highway. Not to mention, also, the road construction work going on, being held up in traffic and also the fluctuating of our gas prices. Oh, also, wear and tear of my personal vehicle. I humbly ask that please generously take into consideration my request and help fund this project for the Hana community. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, John. Any questions for the testifier? Thanks for being here this evening.

MR. KAHALEHOE: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Scott Crawford is next up and he'll be followed by Sheila Roback.

MR. CRAWFORD: Aloha, Council Members. Good evening. Thank you for being here in Hana. I just wanted to testify mainly in support of the OED Grant Fund for East Maui, the Culture and Economic Development Grant, and I think that it's a very useful fund to have because it's flexible with what it can be used for. It's moderate amount of funds but it can be used also different times of the year and serve as matching funds to be able to leverage other grants that's helped with several organizations that I worked with this last year with Kipahulu...with Kipahulu Kitchen, helped upgrade our battery system so that we can serve at least some of the value added processors and roadside vendors here in East Maui with the Hana Cultural Center. It helped fund some equipment for a radio station that should be coming up in a couple months for Hana and a low power FM station. With Na Mamo O Muolea it helps fund the Limu Festival every year which has been happening six years now. If anything, I'd encourage you to put more funds in it because if there's more funds, it certainly could be well used. There's other projects that can be supported but at least, you know, keep it where it's at, and you know, we appreciate that support that's flexible and helpful for us. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Scott. Members, questions? Seeing none, thanks for being here. And Sheila will be followed by Captain Gale Notestone.

MS. ROBACK: . . .*(speaks in Hawaiian)*. . . We are Mauna Kea and we are Kapueokahi. So one of the first things before I introduce myself is let's try and find a solution for Kapueokahi, not putting in a leach field. Okay. With that said, my name is Sheila Roback. I'm the Senior Center Director of Hale Hulu Mamo and what this young lady is passing out was today at Hana School they had the core students go ahead and write letters for different nonprofits in Hana that they wanted to support. And so Hale Hulu Mamo got one of the letters and I wanted to share it with all of you. It's written by Jaynalee Hoopai. Support Hale Hulu Mamo. I'm here to support Hale Hulu Mamo

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because my Tutu Ethel used to go there and they took really good care of her. They allow volunteers to come in and help for community service or even just to bond with all the kupuna. Hale Hulu Mamo gives the kupuna a chance to show off their talents to each other and to spend time with people their own age. Our kupuna are really old with sore bodies and Hale Hulu Mamo provides massages done by Lemuel Diego which is really awesome. This program is incredible and my tutu really enjoyed her time there. So Tutu Ethel has long gone and she was one of our daily attendees...our kupuna that came on a daily basis. And one of the reasons Hale Hulu Mamo was started here in Hana was to provide respite for families such as Tutu Ethel's family. I thought Jaynalee was very akamai in noticing some of the things that gets done...the services that we do at Hale Hulu Mamo, like lomi lomi and that's just one of a few of the things we do. We offer acupuncture for the kupuna, reiki, all kinds of treatments like that for their health. We want to keep them in Hana as long as possible and we want to keep them healthy. So some of the other things we have is aquacise. We do caregiver workshops to help out with the caregivers and we offer different services right at Hale Hulu Mamo 'cause we all know there's no laundromat in Hana so for our kupuna we offer that service. They can come and do their laundry. We have a new program with iPad so they can come and learn how to be technologically inclined. And then we also have fax machines, Xerox, and computers for their use too. So these are just some of the things that Hale Hulu Mamo does for our kupuna of Hana so we want to thank you for your continued support and ask you to continue to support us. One of our most wonderful thing that we have is our partnership with Hospice of Maui. So at Hale Hulu Mamo we have for kupuna and for families of Hana we have a designated oxygen concentrator for when that time comes and that is needed. We also have hospital beds, walkers, wheelchairs, bedpans, anything. We have it all stored in a container for their use. So these are just some of the things that we do, and again, thank you on behalf of the kupuna of Hana.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sheila. And following Captain Notestone is Lehua Cosma.

MR. NOTESTONE: Good evening, Council Members, and welcome to Hana. Great to see you here and thank you for that shower in Hamoa. It's awesome. It's not why I came to talk. So I wrote on my testimony to save time and I'm gonna read it to you. Here we go. My name is Gale Notestone. I am one of the three Fire Captains who work at the Hana Fire Station, otherwise known as Engine 7. I'm a resident of Hana and this is my 18th year working at Engine 7. I come before you tonight to present my position on a proposed item for our district which is funding three additional positions at the Hana Fire Station. The three positions will have a tremendous effect on the way we operate and manage the incidents that we...the incidents that occur. I will give you two examples of what we encounter within our district and describe how these situations would be improved with one additional person available to our crew. For the ones who are not familiar with the crews at the Hana Fire Station or any fire station within Maui County, I will explain. Each station of Maui County has three shifts or three crews. At the Hana Fire Station each crew has five personnel. And I say personnel because we have the only female firefighter of Maui County and she's

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my driver. That's Firefighter III, Lani Gomes, and she drives Engine 7. Each station is required to have a minimum staffing obligation and at Engine 7 our minimum is four. This allows for one crew member to take vacation leave or sick leave, and with that if we are granted approval for the additional crew member, our minimum will go to five, and when fully staffed, we'll have six. Occasionally, we have two incidents at one time or an incident that sends our crew to an outlying area. Last night we had a vehicle crash in Kaupo and a medical call in Keanae at the same time. Our medics went to Kaupo and Engine 7 went to Keanae. When this situation occurs, the main hub of our district, Hana town, is without emergency services. The severity of the incidents determine how long the town is without services. With an additional crew member I would be able to leave two of our crew at the station and have at least three go to the medical call. This would in this case allow for continued coverage in Hana town with two incidents occurring at the same time. So if there is a third incident, Engine 7 would be able to respond to assist. The two-person crew that I would leave at the station would be able to assess and provide limited services which is much better than no service at all. Another type of call we encounter is the structure fire. This is a very demanding call in town like Kahului, when a structure fire occurs, multiple fire stations respond and then within a half an hour you have maybe as much as four or five companies responding to a structure fire. On Molokai all three fire stations, Pukoo, Kaunakakai, Hoolehua, respond to structure fires together. The island of Lanai is like Hana, a single fire station to cover the district. Additional resources for Lanai and Hana is about the same amount of time. It would take about two hours for assistance to arrive. When it comes down to a structure fire, two hours is a very, I mean a very long time. Having a single additional crew member doesn't sound like much help compared to the outside stations but it does allow us a much...to be much more efficient in items such as pulling hose, providing much needed water, assisting in a possible rescue, driving equipment, and on and on. The Lanai Fire Station has a dedicated tanker driver which brings their minimum to five. This has been a welcome situation for the Lanai crew. In closing, having an additional person on each crew at the Hana Fire Station would make a big difference in our operation. Yes, it costs thousands of dollars to make this happen. So one has to ask themselves, is it worth it? My answer is it's difficult to put a price on safety. Thank you very much this evening.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Captain. Any questions? I have one question.

MR. NOTESTONE: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: How many of the members of the three crews actually live in Hana?

MR. NOTESTONE: Seven.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Seven?

MR. NOTESTONE: Seven.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. NOTESTONE: Almost more than half.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. NOTESTONE: Alright. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Alright. And Lehua will be followed by Pat Cosma.

MS. COSMA: Aloha, Chair Mike White and Members of the Maui County Council.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. COSMA: Thank you for being here this evening. I represent the Hana Dialysis Home Program and what you have before you are letters from our patients, caregivers, students of Hana School because they could not be here tonight to testify. But I thank you for all your past support. Because of your support it helps to keep our Hana Dialysis Program up and running. I want to explain that sometimes when we plug in our grant you see just maybe three numbers. By the time you get that we're up to like maybe number four patient. We don't know. The numbers fluctuate. It changes all the time. Today we have two, tomorrow we'll have three. But I want to let you know in the six years that we've opened up there are ten patients that came through past and present. That was the total. We need your continuous support because we have six more...we will have a total of six patients soon. So the monies that we've asked for an increase will greatly help staff, and that's all it is, to help pay the staff so that they can continue to provide excellent service. Please help support the other nonprofits as well—Hale Hulu Mamo, Hana Youth Center, Nahiku Community Center, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, Ohana Makamae, and everybody else because we take care each other in Hana. So when you provide these services, it not only helps one nonprofit, but it helps all 'cause in Hana we have to improvise when there's no monies or just have to make things work. What else I wanted to say? I talk to you every year and I still nervous. But thank you all who came and looked at the house—Don Guzman. I always encourage any one of you who haven't seen the home you must come and look at it. It's so different from just talking about it. When you step foot in there, you feel...you feel ohana, you feel love, nurturing, and that's what we are all about, and so there is an increase in the budget and again it's to help to pay the girls. Right now we only have two. We're looking to hire another one. We're looking to give another Hana resident employment in this field and it can be very challenging. But overall it's a good thing that benefits the community at large and you will see from the letters before you. Since I still have time I want to talk about the landfill. Hana landfill seems to be always short staffed so the hours they close earlier --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

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MS. COSMA: --and it doesn't help us. Borrow workers from the Hana Public Works to go down and cover. It used to be done that way. We have to learn how to work together—County, County. Go support each other because it's not working in the community when that happens. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Lehua. And Pat Cosma will be followed by Greg Braymen.

MR. COSMA: Aloha, ahiahi. Once again I'd like to say...this my first time up here so I kind of haalulu . . . *(inaudible)*. . . I gotta hold one guitar. But anyway, I'd like to say mahalo for coming out to Hana every year and my wife every time come so and oh, by the way, my name is Pat Cosma and I'm a resident of Hana, born and raised. I'm here also for support of all the Hana nonprofit organizations and that's from Kaupo to Keanae for everybody. But my feeling...just a short summary that I wrote down, I support the Hana Youth Center for our keiki—for the kamalii. You know, they no mo no place to go after school. Hana School shut down their A+ Program about couple years ago so they no mo no place. So...and I know when they come to the Youth Center, they're safe over there and the parents no need worry. They can keep on working. Hale Hulu Mamo where the senior center...as where all the the kupunas go. You know, kuka kuka, they talk story, they have activities, they play music, and once in a while they go on field trips. They go Lahaina, Kihei, wherever, you know, Kaunoa Center. Ohana Makamae, substance abuse and family care. I support that program. Twenty-eight years I walked into the AA Program—'till today I am still clean and sober and I'm so happy, I'm so happy that they brought this program here to Hana to help our residents in Hana. And again, I gotta say this because I going get lickens. I back up Hui Laulima Hale Pomaikai Hana Dialysis. You know, us guys from 2006, my wife push for this, push for this, lobby, lobby, you know, fight the ohana, half all split up Hana, but it came true in 2009. Her dream came true which is good. She had two patients then. Her mom passed away—just one. Then two more came aboard and three. Then the two passed away, you know, and now you go back to one. But now we have three pending...two more. So the increase of the budget is for the caregivers, the workers there, not for her, not for me. I maxed out my credit card doing that, you know. I help, I kokua. Somebody told me kokua make long time, no, not to me, to my family. We help, you know, in whatever can do and we there at the house. And I hope you support another one, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike. I think all this program they had something to do with the building or the ramp or something for the kupunas. And of course, MEO, they always there for pick up the kids, take the kupunas to Wailuku go shopping. An awesome program that—awesome. So with that I like say mahalo, thank you, and I don't know if I going come next year, but thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mahalo, Pat. Mr. Braymen will be followed by Keoki Kalani.

MR. BRAYMEN: Hello. My name is Greg Braymen and this is Jennifer, my service animal. She has been my service animal for 12 years. I am a military, disconnected, disabled veteran and everywhere I go I am harassed. I have police officers that are uninformed

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of the law—ask me for where is your vest, where is your ID? Vest and ID are sold by Shysters [sic]. One of them being Officer Rodrigues in Kihei which has been searched for by the Department of Transportation here in Wailuku and by the Animal Society here in Wailuku...in Maui have looked for him. He finally harassed me in July and said this is not my service animal, where is my ID. It does not look like a service animal. I'm not allowed to be asked that. I'm allowed to be asked, is this your service animal—yes or no. I'm allowed to be asked what services this animal provide. I have a legal letter from Malama in Wailuku who are my medical providers that she notifies me when I need my medication and she also provides me calming on my post-traumatic stress from the the military which is very severe. Without her I can go nowhere. She goes on the MEO bus everywhere with me. She goes to every place I go and she keeps me calm and well-mannered. Already today a Council Member asked me where is her vest. Vests are sold between two and four hundred dollars by Shysters and Snakes. They're snake oil. They are not by law, that is not by law, it's not required by law. The people who have them get away with them because people in the general public understand this is your service animal. Where's your ID? There is no ID. We need to get more information out to people. You, as Council Members, need to force the law that is \$5,000 for me to be asked at a business and not one business has been fined that \$5,000 yet in Maui County. It was front page of the paper like eight months ago that the new law in Maui County is if you're denied service at a business, there's a \$5,000 fine. That's not being enacted. Still I'm asked. And police officers told me this weekend at the Hana Health Fair that that is not a priority. That is not something they need to look at because they're too busy taking care of domestic violence and dangerous things. Well, it's important to me that my rights that are listed in the service animal laws—this is just a small portion of them—be upheld and I'm allowed to take my animal without being asked for a vest or whatever to wherever I need to go. Please address that. Please inform yourselves and then inform the public. And then enforce the law that says a \$5,000 fine to be asked to leave a business. I second the physical therapy. I just had a major back surgery where an inch of my spine was removed and a titanium cage was put in--\$85,000. I have to go on an eight-hour roundtrip to Wailuku to get physical therapy on the MEO bus on this crazy highway. How good you think that is for a back that has just been replaced and an inch of my spine removed and a titanium cage put in? It's not easy. By the time I get there and I get back, all the physical therapy I got is nothing. Five years ago in Hana we had a physical therapist that came to our home and I got to experience his help for a year before he moved to the Big Island. After that we had no physical therapy. Hana Health keeps promising they're gonna hire a physical therapist and now I been told it's gonna be at least another six to eight months or maybe never. Please support that. Okay. Secondly, the leach fields. I've been a handyman for 35 years.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MR. BRAYMEN: This product right here will take care of the leach fields. You have a copy right there. I've tried for four years to tell the kupuna here—the old people. You can't

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teach an old dog new tricks, and they're not gonna take money out of their pocket to do it. How much are you paying for the outhouses? Take just a fraction of that money, invest in this product, it can be shipped over by boat. It used to be sold at Lowe's. It's not sold at Lowe's anymore. You put this cleaner in there first along followed by a cup of ammonia, okay, and the phone number for the company is on the page right there. You could each call them. You can each call the service of ADA and ask them if a vest is required or ID is required as well. It's on the pages I gave you. Okay. This product right here will clean the leach field. No need to dig up the ground. No need for the smell. No need to bother the Hana Hotel over there right next door to it.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Four minutes.

MR. BRAYMEN: All this can be taken care by this product.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Could you provide us one concluding comment, please? You've gone a minute past our. . .

MR. BRAYMEN: I'm sorry. One more thing I have is the MEO bus. I ride the MEO bus. I can't go to physical therapy many times because there's no rides available. If we could increase --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank, thank you very much

MR. BRAYMEN: --that to add in Tuesday.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We all support you and we all support MEO and I appreciate you bringing that idea to us, but you're out of time unfortunately.

MR. BRAYMEN: We need to add Tuesdays and we need to add new vehicles. The vehicles we have --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. BRAYMEN: --are the oldest vehicles MEO fleet. These vehicles. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Do you know what the word pau means? Sorry, but I have to be --

MR. BRAYMEN: I went as fast as I could.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --fair...I have to be fair to everybody. Thank you.

MR. BRAYMEN: Well, we need new buses.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You're pau.

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MR. BRAYMEN: We've taken the oldest buses in the fleet --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

MR. BRAYMEN: --and we need Tuesdays because there's always a waiting list and many times we're kicked off of our rides because there's no room for us.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you very much Mr. Grayson [sic]. Our next testifier will be Keoki Kalani and following Keoki will be Mike...I'm letting you pronounce your last name, Mike.

MR. KALANI: Aloha mai kakou. My name is Keoki Kalani and I'm the Executive Director of Hana Youth Center. Thank you for traveling all the way here today. In the Mayor's Budget I appreciate the appropriation that has been directed to all youth centers and Boys and Girls Clubs throughout Maui County, as well as MEO for youth transportation. I am grateful for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns for the guidance and direction they have given over these past five years...past years, sorry, not five, I don't know how I came up with five. But tomorrow they are coming for a site inspection, and hopefully, that will go good. The Hana Youth Center truly appreciates the 2016 proposed funding which has not changed from 2015. Please be assured that these funds will be used very wisely. In order to make the most of what we have and what we are able to provide, we collaborate with several of our fellow Hana organizations. In doing so it reinforces our community commitment and it allows us to do bigger things that we by ourselves would not be able to do as well. Hopefully this sets an example for our youth to follow in the future. Please consider my fellow organizations. Besides working at Hana Youth Center I served as a board member at Hana Health since 19, excuse me, 2009, okay. In the Mayor's Budget consideration is being asked towards a rehabilitation center for our community. I believe in this idea. This proposed facility would enable those who are requiring such treatments to not have to take the four-hour commute for needed services. Additionally, our youth today face so many challenges. Some of these I think may involve behavioral issues which may require mental health services from a medical center. Having these services that can help our youth to cope to give parents guidance and to have families move forward would be beneficial to everyone. I ask for your consideration in these things that can kokua, that can rejuvenate, and strengthen our community of Hana. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Kalani. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Keoki you had...it says you've got 142,758 which is the same as last year.

MR. KALANI: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That's...you're okay with that?

MR. KALANI: I'm okay with that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Great. Thank you.

MR. KALANI: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And following Mike will be Zia [sic] Williams.

MR. OPGENORTH: Aloha, Chair, County Council Members. Thank you for coming out here today. My name is Mike Oppenorth. This is the first time I'm presenting in front of you today because I am actually new to Hana. I'm the Director of Kahanu Garden and Preserve and I've been fortunate enough to be working at a wahi pana like that and a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world. Upon, you know, my new position I realized how tight, you know, resources are in a community like this and at a garden where we, you know, we rely heavily on visitor numbers and things like that to help sustain us. So today I wanted to testify in support of the Maui County OED Grant Program that helps us take funds that we try to match and it helps us take projects to the next level. For instance, right now we applied for funding to help us kind of prepare for next year's IUCN World Conservation Conference that's coming to Hawaii. This is gonna bring over 1,000 delegates from all over the world to see what conservation is in Hawaii and it's allowing us in Maui, too, to have a platform to present to these different delegates and show them, you know, how special Maui is and how special, you know, Kahanu Garden and Preserve is. So for us to be able to work with the County and to, you know, be more effective in the work that we do it helps us really take things to the next level and represent, you know, this place that really is no ka oi. So I just wanted to thank you guys for that, and yeah, let me know if you have any questions.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mike. Any questions? Appreciate you coming tonight. And following Zia [sic] Williams will be Joanne Young.

MS. WILLIAMS: Aloha, Council Members. My name is Lia Williams. I'm a deacon with the House of Hope Fellowship and I am here in support of funding for the nonprofit organization, Feed My Sheep. Feed My Sheep has been an incredible blessing to me and many families in the Hana community as well as islandwide. We distribute healthy, organic food to people who need it, who financially qualify, and personally it has been incredibly helpful for me. Five years ago when I moved here from Big Island it helped me to survive to come and stand here today as a productive member of the Hana community. And I thank you for your time and thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Lia. And following Joanne will be Terry Kristiansen.

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MS. YOUNG: Aloha, Council Members. My name is Joanne Young and I have moved home to Hana in 2003. I'm here to testify and also support all the nonprofit organizations and the Hana Dialysis which I feel that has done such a great job. We've gotten an increase in numbers for that dialysis so I'm hoping that their budget will be also increased to help the staff. Like Lehua Cosma said, the staff is, you know, very well trained for this. Also I'd like to testify for the MEO bus service, which I believe I used to ride it once in a while, but now I still can drive to the other side. And Hana Hulu which my dad used to go there for haircuts. Sheila knew. But anyway also all the nonprofit organizations. You know, Hana is such a rural area. We do need the support from, you know, funding...extra funding to help pursue and I believe one of them is also like they were talking about earlier was a commercial kitchen. I think Mr. Carroll is aware of that. We've been going round and round on that one. But yeah, and thank you for all coming to Hana.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Joanne. And Terry will be followed by Janet Six.

MS. KRISTIANSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Council Members. My name is Terry Kristiansen. I'm a resident of Upper Nahiku. I live mauka of the Hana Highway and I recreate in Lower Nahiku as often as I can. I'm here today to ask that you continue the work that you're doing. I believe you're doing a title search for the repair of the Lower Nahiku Bridge. We consider it to be part of our traffic problems in Lower Nahiku. It's preventing people from enjoying the landing and it's causing problems when we have all of the tourist coming down to see the landing. We're hoping that you will continue to budget the repairs. Hopefully we'll find an entity that will take responsibility for these repairs and the rebuilding of the bridge. I'm also...would like to ask if the Nahiku Community Center Project—has it been taken from the table? Is it budgeted? Has the budget expired? Perhaps you could address that if anybody knows the condition of the funding for this project.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Carroll, do you? We're here to take testimony, not really answer.

MS. KRISTIANSEN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Of course, I'm not sure that we are as up to speed as the Administration is.

MS. KRISTIANSEN: Okay. Well, it is a consideration that we would like to have...we have 75 petitioners who have asked for an update on the status of that project and I would like to have reported back to them, but we will continue to query you on other avenues. The third item is in 1994, the Hana Community Association requested that we...that the County do a wastewater master plan for Hana and it has never been done. We have an immediate problem at Hana Bay and we want to be able to solve that in a healthy manner. But a master plan is really what the community of Hana needs so that we don't have these glitches that have occurred recently. Those were the items

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that I wished to bring to your attention and I thank you very much. And I, too, as all of the community members in Nahiku, we do support Hana's nonprofits. We make use of them and if there is retired funds that are available that can help Hana to develop those nonprofits, we certainly hope that it will go in that direction. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Ms. Kristiansen. And Janet Six will be followed by Alma En Paz.

MS. SIX: Aloha, Council Members. I'm new to Hana, only been out here couple years, but I know some people from my work on the other side at the college. I am the Interim Acting Director, an unpaid position, of the Hana Cultural Center. And I'm here speaking on their behalf to thank the OED for recently giving us money to support our Hoolaulea which allows us for public outreach and also to help support some of the restoration we'll be doing on our Kau Hale Complex, as well as some security cameras and things that we need for the property. So mahalo for that. I'd also like to raise attention to something that we need work on which is the courthouse. And the courthouse is a County building I believe that we lease and they hold court in there the first Tuesday of every month and it's really falling in disrepair. It's from 1872 so it needs a little malama. So we would like to look for maybe perhaps some funding in the line item in the future for that building. I also just want to thank everyone for all the support you do for the many nonprofits out here and I just want to throw in my two cents for that commercial kitchen. I think that's a great idea and mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Janet. Thanks for being here. And Alma will be followed by Kumu Kamalu Kahookele.

MS. EN PAZ: Aloha. I'm here to give my mahalo to you for your support of MEO and Hale Hulu Mamo. I moved here November 14th at age 79 after 30 accumulated years on the other side. I'm living my dream of being in Hana for the rest of my life and I couldn't have done it without either the support and information of Hale Hulu Mamo and MEO. I didn't even hire a truck. I rented a furnished apartment in the subdivision so that I'm only four blocks away and can walk to the bay every day possible and that's my...being in the ocean is my church, my doctor, and my counselor. But MEO is amazing. The drivers are so patient with both the traffic and the passengers and I use the shuttle as well to get to the library, the health center, the landfill—boxes and boxes of cardboard and everything else on the bus to take it to recycle, and I can walk up to Hasegawa and the post office and I can't walk all the way to the health center and the landfill. So I can't thank you enough for how important that service is to many of us who live here who no longer drive, and who don't have friends, relatives who can give them a lift in and out. So mahalo nui loa a hui hou.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you so much, Alma. And following Kamalu will be Shane Sinenci.

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MS. KAHOOKELE: Aloha . . . *(speaks in Hawaiian)*. . . I'm not haalulu but I going try not to be haalulu. Anyway I read the Mayor's Budget and I have couple questions if you can...anyone of you will be able to answer. But first of all, mahalo ia oukou for coming to Hana and to be here for all the ahupuaas on the East Side of Maui. For the road paving, the money set aside for road infrastructure, will that include or will be able to include some funding put aside for roads like Lower Nahiku Road, for example. Also, supportation for Parks and Recreation in the East Maui District 'cause I do know that they do need a lot of better equipment than they have. Supportation for the Fire Department, medical center—all that is of help to human. And I think that we need to understand that it's not about money, it's about living a long, healthy life. It's about being pono and let us not forget that word. It's so hard to say aloha kekahi i kekahi anymore. You gotta say aloha ka poe kala. Ho, then everybody ala. So I think that the County Council, personally, I have to thank all of you. You have all done a good job for every area on the island of Maui and that is very commendable. And also I'm going to insert...I heard one of the people that came, Terry Kristiansen, if you need to, I can answer all the questions that you were up here asking. We do have a copy of the title search done for the Nahiku Community Center. We do have the latest about the bridge and that is only because there is kuka kuka that has to go on on the ownership of the bridge. So until then we just have to hoomanawanui and wait and see what the outcome will be and when that happens I will commend and I will give the credit to all of you, our Maui County Council Members --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MS. KAHOOKELE: --to our Mayor, et cetera, so on, and so forth. Mahalo ia oukou ka poe a pau. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mahalo, Kamalu. And following Shane will be Cynthia Santiago.

MR. SINENCI: Aloha and good evening. I am Shane Sinenci. I, too, am here in support of our nonprofits. I think tonight you have heard how much their work and their contribution is to our small community and probably because of the people that work in all these nonprofits. I do believe in your Budget you said that it didn't...it did not increase the budget for our nonprofits or the grant subsidies, I believe, but it would be off...grant subsidies but we was proposing nonprofits for this year, but it will be offset by a decrease on page three. But anyway, I mean if you guys could increase that budget so that more people get direct help from our community nonprofits. I also wanted to...I am against any of the tax raises mainly because of, you know, the kupuna of this community and our small community status. Already there's the land value assessments have increased and that's supposed to be 75 percent of the General Fund to the total County Budget. There's an increase in the water, the landfill, all of these increases, and for us I mean already we live in a small community where milk costs ten bucks, gas four bucks, so the cost of living...our vehicle registrations. So for those of us or kupuna that are on a fixed income, all of these things are offsetting their already, you know, their golden years. Everything is supposed to be set. They're

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already on a fixed income. But these tax increases are changing their lifestyle and a lot of it, again, it's paying for the infrastructure. I see all the funding going into the bathrooms and the County infrastructure. We need that. A lot of it is coming because of our visitors. Our visitors have increased so the bathrooms, you know, they're stressing our bathrooms, and it's...we've always been here. The stress is from the tourism industry that now is coming, you know, even more in waves. I don't see that the transient accommodations tax has increased and that it only is about 6.5 percent of the General Fund. I would like to see that more increased because to help kind of pay for some of our infrastructural projects including our leach field. By the way I also wanted to ask that SMA permit be bumped up to a major permit versus a minor permit so we can have the available funding for an appropriate bathroom system. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Mr. Sinenci. I just, just a quick note --

MR. SINENCI: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --on the TAT that we get --

MR. SINENCI: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --is determined by the State.

MR. SINENCI: That is the State.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: The County of Maui sends about \$115 million in TAT to the State. We get back 23.4 or something like that. So we've been fighting to get more of our share of the TAT back but kind of hard with the State.

MR. SINENCI: Yeah, and I'm only bringing that up because, you know, that's our biggest stress having the visitors come in. They stop at Wainapanapa. There is no available bathrooms besides down the bay and the park and then a few in the town center. But other than that there are no bathrooms. They're stopping on the road to, you know, so that increase has to be dealt with I think. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And the next...Cynthia Santiago will be followed by Stacy Lynch.

MS. SANTIAGO: Aloha. My name is Cynthia Santiago and I am fortunate to be a resident of this beautiful Hana community. I'm the Executive Director of Ohana Makamae who you've been hearing about tonight. We do provide some essential services. I like that people have been promoting nonprofits in Hana because Hana has one of everything pretty much, but there is some gaps in services. So I'm glad to say that due to County funding we were able to add mental health services to our program. We now offer mental health, and we have always offered substance abuse counseling, and we have a

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family resource center. We also provide a community washer and dryer just like Hale Hulu Mamo, and we have a food bank as well. And so...and then we contract with PACT for some domestic violence intervention services as well as Women Helping Women. So we welcome them and intend to continue partnering with them for the essential services. The gaps in services would be things like social workers and other types of services that cost a lot of money. We're doing...I can tell you I've been in the field for 25 years. I have never seen an agency put out so much work and so much, you know, do so much with so little funding. But the little funding we have is appreciated. Hana does have disparity...income disparity and the services that are provided and the resources are extremely needed here to be able to manage the cost of living and housing and all of that. I can tell you that for myself, you know, being a resident that pays rent in Hana. The last thing I want to say I also appreciate all the nonprofits. Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike has always provided us with some additional construction type help trying to help us make more room for services and we are just kind of busting out of where we're providing services now so we plan to expand—it's just informational. And I'm just a year away from being a kupuna depending on who you ask. So I really want to support, you know, Hale Hulu Mamo, and they really do support the community a lot. So everyone that's here and everyone that represents a group --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MS. SANTIAGO: --are deserving of the funding that you provide us. Thank you so much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Cynthia. And Stacy Lynch will be followed by Ka Wolfgramm.

MS. LYNCH: Aloha, Council Members. Thank you for coming on the long and winding road. My name is Stacy Lynch, and as you know, after traveling the road how important it is to have the services that we do have in Hana. It's so difficult for people when they need help to actually drive two hours to the other side and two hours back if you're not feeling well or you have family issues or whatever crisis is going on in your life or your family's or your ohana. So I'm here to support the nonprofits in Hana that you have continued to support for so many years. They're all extremely important to this community. As you know, the Hana community works together. All the nonprofits help one another and it's all interconnected like a lauhala mat or something—how they all work together. Cynthia from Ohana Makamae mentioned some of the things that they do there. They also have a sober living house and also there are counselors right in the Hana School that they support and are able to help the kids right there. And I also want to thank you for the shower at Hamoa. That's been long-awaited. And just thank you once again for supporting Hana.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Stacy. And Ka will be followed by Kathleen Street.

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MR. WOLFGRAMM: Aloha, Council Members tonight. I want to say thank you for being here and what you guys are doing behind those door offices. So I am grateful for what you guys are doing for us. I stand here tonight to testify for Feed My Sheep. I am a volunteer. I stay and give the food out to those that come who are in need and you get to see the joy, you get to see the smile, and oftentimes, the tears as well. So I'm there to perhaps give hope and much more, then the person would be able to continue on with life and perhaps find a better life. Again, we run all over Maui to find the sheep and to give them what they need. It's specific and directed to a specific people. We have a few here in Hana and we also...our families are touched also by what we're doing in Hana as well. We try and work with local farmers as well to get things together so that we can present those to those who are in need as well. Anyway, I'm here tonight to ask that you guys would find hope and perhaps more favor in what we're doing. I stand also here tonight with all these guys here. My family is a big family and we are blessed by the services they provide here in Hana and I ask that you guys continue to support because we are here tonight because of you guys. Again, thank you so much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Ka. And Kathleen will be followed by Barbara Ann Benton.

MS. STREET: Aloha. Thank you for coming out here because it certainly saves me from driving out to the other side. I want to speak on behalf of Hana Canoe Club and we received funding from the Office of Economic Development and we appreciate the funding because it helps us sponsor our canoe club—our regatta. And we are also able to help other nonprofits in the community make some money during that weekend. I also want to support the nonprofits that work together very closely here in Hana and I've heard some of the representatives speak here tonight, including Hana Youth Center, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, Ohana Makamae, Hale Hulu Mamo, and others. And these nonprofits do for the community what the County and the State cannot do for us. So it's important I think for the County to continue to support us so that we can continue to do the work that we do here in Hana. I'd also like to ask the County Council in the next Budget hearing that comes up to consider economic development for this community. We don't have an industrial park. We don't have a shopping center. We don't have a place where business can be conducted and I think that's something very important for us that if the County Council were to take a look at it and help us figure out how to put people to work and become employed here in Hana in private businesses. So thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Kathleen. Barbara Ann is the the last person who has signed up so if there's anyone else who would like to testify this evening, we're more than happy to hear your manao if you'll just let us know. Please proceed.

MS. BENTON: Aloha, Council Members. My name is Barbara Ann Benton and I'm here to stand in agreement with our nonprofit for the Youth Center that is now taking care of my grandchildren and also for all the help that they have done for our children. And

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also for Hale Hulu Mamo. We have to, you know, I'm one of the baby boomers that never reach that age yet but I have to plan on where I going when I get older, yeah. So I need to support them because I want them to be there when my turn comes up. And also for Ohana Makamae. They helping to strengthen our families that is all broken up. So we need to support them also. Hana Dialysis already helping my ohana—the past baby boomers. I'm coming up, you know, in my age and would like to have them there too, also. I'm calling Rick Rutiz as the Hana Building because one day he needs to build me something connected to...connected to somebody else's house so I need him there and also for our young children. Because of what he has our young children is learning a very important...well, to me it's talent and skills that they can use in their lifetime. And also please help our Fire Department. I know it's not nonprofit but our Fire Department they work hard in this area, especially for our visitors. They come from the other side that don't know nothing about this place and get hurt. So Hana Police Station, Fire Department, and even our medical center, you know, and also MEO bus. One day, the MEO going need, you know, I need them when I cannot drive anymore and it's too far going back and forth. Thank you, Mike, for standing up for Kahanu Garden, my ohana's place. Thank you for standing up for them. And also Feed My Sheep. I don't know if you had them as part of the Budget but they've been helping people in Hana for a long time too. And Hana Canoe Club, thank you for being here for supporting our children. So I'm here for supporting them and cost of living came up so we sure need the increase. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Barbara Ann. So is there anyone who has been sitting there...I was thinking gotta have somebody who finally decided they have to say something.

MS. COSTELLO: I wasn't going to speak tonight, but I'm sitting there and I'm thinking about what's really important to Hana people and I must say the landfill is a very important part of our community. And I was shocked to find out that there's no water going down to the landfill. The supervisor of the landfill is a woman. I mean surely we need water. We need a running toilet. And so I'm not sure, you know, what you can do for them, but we certainly need water...running water to the landfill. And as I'm speaking about the landfill I want to ask if you can arrange for the compost to stay in Hana. It's our opala. We need the compost because most of our land is lava rock and the dirt just keeps going down. It just, you know, filters down and we end up with nothing but rocks. So I used to go to the landfill to pick up compost that Roxanna would, you know, turn and turn until we get nice soil. Now they're taking our green waste, hauling it to the other side when we need it here. It's costing the County to haul that to the other side. The trucks are using our roadway to come in every day to take our green waste over to the other side to sell to somebody who makes compost and then sells it. From the last hearing we had they tell us that it's a Board of Health issue. Maybe there's something I don't understand. Maybe there's something that's above my understanding. Anyway, I could not accept what is going on. We need compost here in Hana. It doesn't make sense to me that they're taking our green waste hauling it all the way over to the other side and selling it. Please have them leave our green

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waste here so we can create our own compost. If it means hiring an extra person at the landfill, then maybe that will offset what it's costing to drive our green waste to the other side. Can someone please investigate that for us? I would love to have our compost back. Thank you. My name is Myrna Costello. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What is your name?

MS. COSTELLO: Myrna Costello.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any questions, Members?

MS. COSTELLO: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Seeing none, thank you very much. Is there anyone else who has not had a chance to say something that would like to? Seeing none.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I want to thank you all for coming and sharing your manao with us this evening. It's a wonderful drive and always fun to come to Hana and we really appreciate your taking the time to come and see us this evening. Mahalo. Aloha. . . (gavel) . . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED:



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
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