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Subject: Committee Report 22-35 regarding Resolution 22-85, Authorizing the Disposition of Real Property to Maui Health Foundation

Dear Chairperson Lee and Council Members:

Na Hale O Maui, in collaboration and support of Maui Health Foundation (MHF), respectfully requests your approval of Resolution 22-85 regarding the disposition of 16 lots in the Fairways in Maui Lani and to MHF and to waive any outstanding real property taxes.

Our community is at the tipping point in Health Care. Maui has a critical shortage of medical personnel, especially those who practice crucial specialty areas. Maui desperately needs excellent Physicians and other medical professionals, to provide the highest level and quality of care for our community. Maui Memorial Medical Center is short-staffed in every department. There is a shortfall of care providers island-wide and Doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. Many of those wonderful caregivers who went above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community during the covid pandemic are now moving away because of the high cost of living, and Maui's shrinking rental market in one of the highest costs places to rent or buy and live in the country. We must take steps now to reverse this alarming trend with a long-term, damaging impact on the delivery of life-saving medical care for us all.

We need access to excellent medical care and potential emergency medical treatment. Without essential physicians and other important health care providers, Maui residents are forced to fly to Oahu or beyond for medical treatment. Some specialties are not permanently available in the state, forcing patients and families to relocate to the mainland where specialists are more readily available on a daily basis.

The need for housing at affordable prices occurs at every level of our community. This continues to frustrate the Maui Hospital Foundation's mission to provide the highest quality of health care, the inability to attract and keep great physicians and medical personnel, because of the Maui housing market.

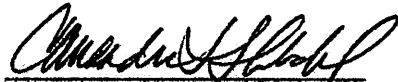
Na Hale O Maui strongly supports affordable and workforce housing initiatives and developments. We believe working in collaboration with MHF makes perfect sense for this project and our community. NHOM's program can accommodate workforce households that earn up to 140% of AMI, including health care providers like nurses, therapists and others.

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Na Hale O Maui will work collaboratively with the County of Maui and Maui Health Foundation to deliver critically needed housing to medical professionals and our island workforce that will keep our community healthy and thriving.

We respectfully request the Council authorize the disposition of 16 lots in the Fairways in Maui Lani to Maui Health Foundation and waive any outstanding real property taxes.

Mahalo piha for your support of affordable housing for our workforce, medical professionals and staff!



Cassandra Abdul
Executive Director