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Maui County Council
Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee
Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
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Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Testimony in Support of Resolution 22-84

Aloha Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice Chair Paltin and Members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like to testify in **support of Resolution 22-84** which authorizes the waiving of outstanding property tax balances and the disposition of 19 lots at the Fairways at Maui Lani.

We are all aware that there is a crucial need for affordable and workforce housing for island families. Hawaii is now the State with the third largest population decline according a recent calculation by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Nā Hale O Maui (NHOM) is a grassroots, membership-based Nonprofit 501 (c) 3 Community Land Trust, established to secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate-income households in Maui County. Their focus is truly affordable homes in perpetuity for workforce families earning between 80%-140% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Maui County.

The Chamber strongly supports affordable and workforce housing initiatives and developments. We have faith that by working collaboratively with the County of Maui, developers and contractors, lenders and the community, Na Hale O Maui can provide more critically needed homes for our families. The 17 Fairway at Maui Lani house lots and 2 driveways (a total of 19 lots) are a golden opportunity to take unproductive lots and create Community Land Trust homes for income-qualified island families that will remain truly affordable in perpetuity, homeowner after homeowner, generation after generation.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.