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1.	6/16/2021	Maui	<p>Subject: OHA FY22-23-Preliminary-Biennium Budget for Community Input – Maui Ohana Input</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>First off I wanted to kindly share a few statements of how appreciative my Ohana has been to receive the help and support from OHA staff.</p> <p>My ohana owns a 11 acre fish pond in Hana, Maui named Hoku Ula located on Haneoo road near koki beach and Hamoa. Our ohana inherited this land which was originally owned by Julia Alapai Kauwaa who was a high chiefess and granted royal patent and LCA 8525-B during Kamehameha III’s reign. Julia’s mother was the youngest daughter of chief Alapai Nui, and her father was Nahili, a sailing master for Kamehameha I. It is also noted in historic text that Kamehameha the first helped rebuild our pond wall. Alapai street in Honolulu is named after her. Our pond has endured so much, but has proven to manifest itself as a beacon of the strength of our culture, spirit and the ability to provide a reliable resource of food to the district and the keiki of Hana.</p> <p>We have been faced with complex land issues resulting from a developer who wishes to build a septic waste system and leaching field adjacent to our pond. Without going into too much details of the project, the complexity of the laws and rules became so difficult to decipher for our ohana. We reached out to OHA and we received an overwhelming response to help us understand and dive deeper into areas of compliance. We have had the pleasure to work with Kamakana Ferreira who serves as a land compliance position.</p> <p>All we want to say is that if it wasn’t for OHA and the expertise of Mr. Ferreira, we would have had little to no chance of navigating the difficulties of land issues in the context of cultural preservation among other things and our battle is still ongoing.</p> <p>I took the time to broadly review the OHA plan and I was so compelled to encourage OHA to find a way to maintain the talented people like Mr. Ferreira in your staff as part of its strategic reformation, but furthermore, I believe this is an opportunity to expand the expertise rather than downsize. Our community is so talented and we must and can find a way to</p>

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			<p>invest more into staff so that beneficiaries such as my ohana are facing while new challenges continue to emerge across the islands.</p> <p>I continue to be impressed by the support we have received and I just wanted again to recognize the intellectual capacity and mana that Mr. Ferreira exudes as a representative of OHA and I hope you keep his expertise for retention consideration.</p> <p>I was glad I took the time to review the OHA budget plan.</p> <p>But furthermore, on behalf of my ohana, we are so grateful for the time that OHA has given us and we will never forget it and we ask that you find a way to further invest in talented staff that you have and help them continue the mission.</p>
2.	6/16/2021	Maui	<p>Aloha,</p> <p>Mahalo for all the work that OHA does, my ohana has been a recipient of some outstanding support from your staff at OHA with land related issues we are facing here in Maui.</p> <p>I had an opportunity to read the 15 year strategic plan.</p> <p>My main question focusses on page 5.</p> <p>There appears to be a restructuring of the operating structure.</p> <p>I am just curious to find out where I can read more on why or the reasons why OHA is compelled to reorganize the structure and why it selected this kind of structure. The plan essentially just states that this is a "better" alignment, but does not expand on why it is better on page 5. Any insight to help me better understand would be very helpful.</p> <p>Thats all I have, and will provide testimony for your meeting.</p> <p>Again I mahalo you on all that OHA is working to do.</p>
3.	6/15/2021		<p>My question is there is so homesteaders whose homes are deteriorating and falling apart. That they are abandoning or still living in the poor condition. I know you have been advocating and educating the public. What can done about that. This my first time familiarized with OHA. So please pardon my ignorance. Who should we see or ask to inform the community.? Mahalo for your time.</p>
4.	6/15/2021		<p>Will kanaka maoli be able to access services if needed? Due to allegiance to, The Hawaiian Kingdom in continuity. And if not, Why?</p>

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			E kala mai, mahalo.
5.	6/12/2021	Moloka'i	<p>Aloha,</p> <p>Everyone needs help from rent, homelessness, jobless, the list is long.</p> <p>We are Hawaiians that has yet to receive any help from OHA! I guess we fall between the cracks of making enough money, to barely making it.</p> <p>I believe ALL Hawaiians should have access to Education. Does not matter if it's pre-school or college. We should be given a chance to pursue education, without putting us further in the great abyss of "Just making it". Recently, my son wanted to pursue another educational career in Mechanical Engineering. He has already completed community college (which I paid out of pocket w/zero grants from any program) but when I inquired about any financial aid, I was told there was limited resources and my son would have to find other ways to financially pay for college. He is Hawaiian and should be encouraged to pursue a higher education promoting all Hawaiians. It's so bias!!! I hope you all consider offering grants or any help for Hawaiians to pursue education.</p> <p>The other thing that needs attention is care for Kupuna. My Mom lives and is born and raised on Molokai. There are NO care homes on the island. She would have to go to Maui, and even with that, the care homes makes it so hard for entry. She is Hawaiian!! We are piecing together sub-par care. OHA should put it in their budget to take care of Kupuna. Shame only the rich can have good care, and all the Hawaiians again has sub-par care. Molokai especially needs help. Because there are NO airplanes that can transport Kupuna (my Mom) we would have to hire the Air ambulance at a cost of \$6500 to fly her to Maui. That's if she qualifies to enter a care home. Right now, it's been 1 red tape after another.</p> <p>You don't have to look that far to see how the Hawaiian people always take the back seat to anything that could really help and benefit them.</p>
6.	6/10/2021	O'ahu	<p>I like the presentation. How will OHA keep continuity? Elections may change new trustees. Watching BOT meetings shows a slight disagreements or alignments. Are trustees in harmony and unity with what they have to vote to make necessary changes. Cutting a lot of the excessive personnel cost</p>

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			is awesome for us beneficiaries to get more services. Thank you Aloha
7.	6/9/2021	O'ahu	Ka'ena point must be saved. Regular beer batches occur at this sacred land. Security at this site would prevent such disrespect of this holy place. I don't know how you would budget this but somebody must fight for this spiritual pathway. Equally important are the many hawaii only Botanica and birds. I'm writing to as many entities as possible to preserve this for Hawaiians only. RADICAL, NO waiianuhea
8.	6/8/2021		<p>I absolutely love what OHA is doing for the Hawaiian people. My concern is there is no budget in your budget to help Hawaiians with mental health issues. A lot of us can't work but we want to own homes a lot of us can't work and we want to own something to secure our futures but there are no programs to help push us in any direction.</p> <p>What can OHA do to help the Hawaiian community that suffers from mental health how can we look forward to futures especially in the land we come from.</p> <p>How can we own property and rent it out for income how can we also be helped and added to the list of those who benefit from OHA and it's programs now or in the future with any kind of program how can some of our needs be met</p> <p>I humbly ask you to consider all the above and I humbly thank you for your time</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
9.	6/8/2021		<p>These monies should help dhhl get Hawaiians into self help or habitats homes. I moved into my home on kumuniu waimanalo and oha helped us move in faster. I think hawaiian shouldn't be stuck with loans they can't afford. More affordable homes like habilitate and self help where we only get charged for mayor oak would make it more affordable. A house in Hawaii is \$1,000,000. We can't Afro the cost of food let alone the cost of rent. Please work with dhhl to bring this to the table. We need to get on dhhl ASAP. A cost foe one piece of plywood is \$90 on Oahu and 130 on the big island.</p>