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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

House Committee on Finance

Thursday, April 2, 2026

2:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 308 and Videoconference

In Support

Senate Bill No. 2930, SD2 HD1, Relating to the State Risk Management Revolving Fund

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

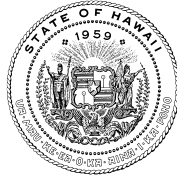
The Office of the Governor is in strong **support** of S.B. No. 2930, SD2 HD1, Relating to the State Risk Management Revolving Fund.

This measure increases the expenditure ceiling and appropriates funds from the State Risk Management Revolving Fund, established pursuant to section 41D-4, HRS, to ensure the appropriate and effective distribution of property and liability insurance proceeds to state programs related to the 2023 Lahaina wildfire. Appropriated funds are designated specifically for the King Kamehameha III Elementary School, King Kamehameha III Elementary School Roadway, David Malo Circle and Piilani Homes, Lahaina Small Boat Harbor, and Lahaina Public Library.

S.B. No. 2930, SD2 HD1, is critical to advancing the rebuilding of Lahaina and supporting the communities impacted by the 2023 Maui wildfires as they continue recovery and reconstruction efforts.

For these reasons, the Office respectfully requests that this Committee support this bill. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

APRIL 2, 2026, 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2930, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2930, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

S.B. 2930, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 proposes to increase the expenditure ceiling and appropriates funds out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund established by section 41D-4, HRS, to enable the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), State Risk Management and Insurance Administration to transfer and distribute property and liability insurance proceeds related to the 2023 Maui wildfires to applicable accounts. In addition, this measure requires DAGS to submit a master coordinated project spreadsheet to the Legislature in collaboration with certain state agencies, the County of Maui, and other relevant entities.

DAGS supports S.B. 2930 with respect to increasing the spending ceiling for the

Risk Management Revolving Fund so the insurance proceeds can be distributed to the appropriate State programs affected by the Lahaina wildfire event. In the S.D. 2 version, the appropriation was split up between five projects to an unspecified amount and the effective date was changed to July 1, 2525. The amount required is \$211,000,000, which is a ceiling increase that is critical to ensure timely funding for recovery efforts. To date, the liability insurance collection is complete and there are no additional insurance proceeds anticipated from that source. The Risk Management Office is still working with insurance companies to collect the balance of the \$200,000,000 property policy limit which we anticipate receiving before the close of this fiscal year (2026).

DAGS requests page 3, line 5 be amended to “utilities infrastructure and roadway;”. It is anticipated that utility infrastructure will be installed with the roadway work. The inclusion of this amendment assures utilities to the facility which is essential for school occupancy and operations.

As it relates to the requirement that DAGS submit a “master coordinated project spreadsheet,” we have no objections as we have already completed the draft plan by working collaboratively with other agencies, the County of Maui, and private agencies related to our involvement in supporting state facilities damaged and/or destroyed by the tragic events of August 2023. Over the past year, our team has been collaborating and consulting with public and private entities on rebuilding King Kamehameha III Elementary School. We look forward to continued collaboration with the legislature, state and county leadership, along with various agencies to complete this project and others for the Lahaina community.

In conclusion, the ceiling increase is necessary so funding can be distributed to

the applicable State programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
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TO: Representative Chris Todd, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor
Josiah K. Nishita, Managing Director

DATE: March 31, 2026

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB2930 SD2 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE RISK
MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure which increases the expenditure ceiling and appropriates funds out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund to transfer and distribute property and liability insurance proceeds related to the 2023 Maui wildfires to applicable accounts. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to submit to the Legislature a master coordinated project spreadsheet developed in collaboration with certain state agencies, the County of Maui, and other relevant entities. Requires full funding for the projects for which funds are appropriated to be available before expenditure. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

We support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The ability to efficiently deploy insurance proceeds to rebuild state facilities is critical to long-term recovery. Increasing the fund's expenditure ceiling ensures that available insurance proceeds can be used as intended — to repair, restore, and rebuild impacted infrastructure without unnecessary delay.
2. Importantly, we want to thank you for adding that insurance proceeds made available under this measure prioritize the rebuilding of critical educational facilities in Lahaina, including King Kamehameha III Elementary School. Reestablishing permanent school facilities is fundamental to community recovery. Schools anchor neighborhoods, restore stability for families, and signal long-term commitment to rebuilding Lahaina as a thriving residential community.
3. Education is more than a public service — it is a grounding force in times of disruption and trauma. Schools provide routine, stability, and a sense of normalcy for children and families navigating uncertainty. They are places where students reconnect with peers, receive emotional

support, and rebuild a sense of safety and belonging. For parents, the restoration of a neighborhood school represents reassurance that their community is returning and that their children's future remains rooted in Lahaina. Again, Mahalo for your support in adding funds specifically for the King Kamehameha III Elementary School.

The County stands ready to continue coordinating with state partners to support thoughtful, transparent, and efficient use of available insurance proceeds for Lahaina's recovery.

Mahalo for your support.

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April 1, 2026

TO: Honorable Chris Todd, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Nohelani U'u-Hodgins *Nohelani U'u-Hodgins*
Councilmember

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2026
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2930, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO THE
STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to increase the expenditure ceiling and appropriate funds out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund established by section 41D-4, HRS, to enable the Department of Accounting and General Services, State Risk Management and Insurance Administration to transfer and distribute property and liability insurance proceeds related to the 2023 Maui wildfires to applicable accounts; specifically appropriates moneys out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund to the Department of Education for the King Kamehameha III Elementary School; Department of Transportation for the King Kamehameha III Elementary School Roadway; Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the David Malo Circle and Piilani homes; Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Lahaina Small Boat Harbor; and Hawaii State Public Library System for the Lahaina Public Library; requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to submit to the Legislature a master coordinated project spreadsheet developed in collaboration with certain state agencies, the County of Maui, and other relevant entities; and requires full funding for the projects for which funds are appropriated to be available before expenditure.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

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This measure ensures that available insurance funds can be deployed in a timely manner by increasing the expenditure ceiling of the State Risk Management Fund. Allowing these funds to be used efficiently helps accelerate recovery efforts without placing additional strain on taxpayers or diverting resources from other critical state priorities.

Requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services to come up with a master coordinated project spreadsheet will help reduce duplication, align infrastructure investments, and maximize limited public and private resources. By promoting transparency and interagency collaboration, the bill supports a more strategic and fiscally responsible rebuilding process.

In addition, the rebuilding of King Kamehameha III Elementary School is vital to the repopulation and long-term recovery of Lahaina town. Supporting this school is not only an investment in education, but in restoring a sense of normalcy and community in our keiki. Infrastructure such as schools and libraries are also foundational to the tight social fabric that once defined Lahaina. Recreating a safe and stable place for children to learn will help welcome families back home and ensure that Lahaina remains a place where future generations can grow and thrive.

This measure is a practical and thoughtful step toward ensuring Lahaina's recovery is efficient, coordinated, and fully supported by the resources already available to the State.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support of SB 2930, SD2, HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.

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March 31, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee on Finance

FROM: Tamara Paltin
Councilmember

DATE: March 31, 2026

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 2930, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND**

My name is Tamara Paltin, and I serve as the residency area Councilmember for West Maui. I am writing in support of raising the expenditure ceiling to allow funds to be used for the rebuilding of State assets in Lahaina town.

Hawai'i has never before experienced a wildfire disaster of this magnitude, and while we hope to never face such an event again, we must ensure that recovery and restoration are not slowed by funding limitations. Raising the expenditure ceiling will help ensure that critical State facilities can be rebuilt and restored as quickly as possible.

I also support the development of a coordinated master plan for the rebuilding of State of Hawai'i projects in Lahaina. Major State facilities that need to be rebuilt, reinstalled, or repaired include King Kamehameha III Elementary School, the Lahaina Public Library, Pi'ilani Homes, the David Malo Circle area, traffic signals and signage, Lahaina Small Boat Harbor, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation offices.

Some housing projects are already moving forward. The Front Street Apartments rebuild is underway, and the Kaiaulu o Kupuohi apartments have already been rebuilt and are now housing residents. The nonprofit developer Ikaika 'Ohana did an excellent job rebuilding Kaiaulu o Kupuohi, allowing 89 families to return home within two years by utilizing insurance proceeds and gap funding from the County. If possible, I would support their involvement in rebuilding any State housing that was lost, including through the use of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

The Lahaina Public Library was a beloved and important community resource, and it is difficult to prioritize among so many critical facilities. However, I believe particular emphasis must be placed on rebuilding King Kamehameha III Elementary

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School. The State received a favorable agreement for the temporary school site for the first five years, but students are currently in temporary facilities, and rebuilding the permanent school should be a top priority alongside housing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tamara Paltin
Councilmember



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
The Honorable Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance

SUPPORT SB2930 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND

The Maui Chamber of Commerce recognizes the critical importance of swift and transparent recovery efforts following the 2023 Maui wildfires. The bill's provisions to increase the expenditure ceiling and appropriate funds from the State Risk Management Revolving Fund will enable the Department of Accounting and General Services to more efficiently distribute insurance proceeds to impacted accounts. This action directly supports the stabilization and rebuilding of Maui's economy, which remains fragile despite recent signs of recovery.

The ability to promptly transfer and allocate insurance proceeds is essential for businesses and communities still struggling with the aftermath of the wildfires. Many Maui businesses continue to face significant challenges, including revenue losses, hiring difficulties, and the compounding effects of economic challenges. By ensuring that financial resources are available and accessible, this measure helps create a more predictable and supportive environment for economic recovery.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our support of SB2930 SD2 HD1.

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.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

April 2, 2026

TO: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2930 SD2 HD1

Aloha Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters, representing over 6,000 skilled union carpenters and tradespeople across the islands, thanks you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 2930 SD2 HD1.

At its core, this bill is about doing right by Lahaina.

After the 2023 wildfires, the State received insurance funds meant to rebuild schools, housing, public spaces, and critical infrastructure. This bill makes sure those dollars are actually put to work in a quick and responsible fashion so that Lahaina can move forward.

From HRCC's perspective, the biggest issue right now isn't whether we have resources, it's whether we're using them the right way.

We've seen in the past how rebuilding efforts can get slowed down by red tape, lack of coordination, or projects moving in isolation. What stands out in this bill is the requirement for a coordinated plan across agencies and partners. That matters. When projects are aligned, you avoid duplication, reduce delays, and stretch every dollar further.

This also has a real impact on workers and families.

When projects move efficiently, local workers can stay on the job, contractors can plan ahead, and the community can rebuild faster. When things stall, costs go up, timelines drag out, and people are left waiting longer to come home.

At the end of the day, this is about making sure we don't waste time or opportunity. Lahaina doesn't need more delays—it needs progress.

We respectfully ask for your support.

Mahalo.

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April 2, 2026

To: **The State House Committee on Finance**

415 South Beretania Street

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Re: **Testimony in Strong Support for SB2930 HD1, Relating to the State Risk Management Revolving Fund; Wildfires; Report; Appropriation (\$)**

For Hearing on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 308

Aloha Honorable Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Finance Committee Members,

The **Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust** (Hawaii LECET) is a labor-plus-management partnership established in 1993 between the 5,000 statewide members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and over 250 construction companies from the *General Contractors Association* and the *Building Industry Association*. The Laborers International is the largest construction trade union in North America, and Hawaii LECET is part of a network of 38 labor-management LECET Funds across the country.

As Maui continues the long journey of healing, SB2930 HD1 provides the necessary framework for transparency and accountability in managing the insurance proceeds for Lahaina's recovery.

The people of Maui deserve the guarantees provided by SB2930 HD1:

- **Financial Accountability:** SB2930 HD1 clarifies exactly how insurance proceeds are handled, ensuring they are used specifically and transparently for rebuilding and recovery efforts.
- **Restoring Public Trust:** By creating a structured process for these funds, the state can restore the public's confidence in how recovery resources are managed.
- **Accelerated Rebuilding:** Strategic management of these funds will directly speed up the timeline for restoring vital infrastructure.

For the families of Lahaina, SB2930 HD1 ensures that insurance funds are directed toward those areas that define a community:

- **Schools and Public Spaces:** Restoring the places where our children learn and play.
- **Infrastructure:** Rebuilding roads and essential ocean access.
- **Hope and Stability:** Providing the community with a clear path for the future of our Keiki.

SB2930 will ensure funds are protected and used appropriately, and is a commitment to the people of Maui and the history of Lahaina.

Mahalo,

**Hawaii Laborers & Employers
Cooperation and Education Trust**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2930, HD1
being heard by the House Committee on Finance
April 2, 2026 at 2 p.m.
Via Video Conference/Conference Room 308

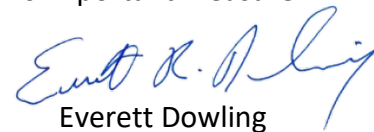
Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee:

My name is Everett Dowling, and I support SB2930, HD1 which increases the expenditure ceiling and appropriate funds out of the state risk management resolving fund established by section 41D-4, HRS, to enable DAGS , state risk management and insurance administration to expend and distribute property and liability insurance proceeds related to the 2023 Maui wildfires for the rebuilding and restoration of state facilities in Lahaina.

All the projects listed in the bill are important in rebuilding and restoring the Lahaina community, however, the King Kamehameha III elementary school is especially important as it will restore a sense of normalcy for the children and families of Lahaina. It will also provide a uniquely tangible symbol of Lahaina's recovery. Lastly, it acknowledges the cultural importance of Lahaina by honoring King Kamehameha III.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that you pass SB2930, HD1 out of your Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.



Everett Dowling



**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council 50**

March 31, 2026

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
And Committee Members
House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813.

RE: SB2930, SD2, HD1 - Relating To The State Risk Management Revolving Fund

Dear Chair Todd and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB2930, SD2, HD1.

The International Union of Painters and Allied trades, District Council 50, is an organization that consists of five (5) local unions: the Painters, Local 1971; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local 1926; the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local 1944; and the Pearl Harbor Metal Trades Specialty Workers, Local 1941 – in all, approximately two thousand (2000) members statewide.

S.B. 2930, SD2, HD1 is necessary to ensure that the State can properly receive, account for, and deploy the property and liability insurance proceeds it has recovered for losses suffered in the devastating 2023 Maui wildfires in a transparent, timely and efficient manner. It will soon be three years since the wildfire occurred, and it is imperative that these proceeds be use for the rebuilding of Lahaina as soon as possible.

We therefore urge you to pass SB2930, SD2, HD1. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure.

Sincerely,

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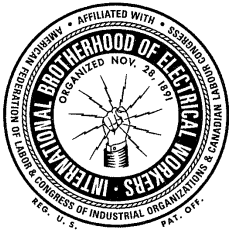
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TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

RE: TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF SB 2930 SD2 HD1

Honorable Chair Chris Todd, Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186), is comprised of over 2,700 men and women working in electrical construction, telecommunications, civil service employees, and educator and faculty associations.

IBEW 1186 stands in heartfelt solidarity with the people of Lahaina who continue to navigate the aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires. We believe that rebuilding the heart of West Maui is a sacred responsibility, and we **SUPPORT SB 2930 SD2 HD1**.

This measure provides the necessary resources to restore essential state facilities like King Kamehameha III Elementary School and the Lahaina public library and small boat harbor. By increasing the expenditure ceiling of the state risk management revolving fund, this bill ensures that insurance proceeds are used in a timely and efficient manner to rebuild the infrastructure the community depends on.

Efficiency is critical to a successful recovery, and our members understand that coordinated planning is the only way to avoid the duplicate work and extended timelines that often plague large-scale projects. The requirement for a master coordinated project spreadsheet will ensure that the rebuilding of Lahaina proceeds with the transparency and coordination it deserves.

We urge the committee to pass SB 2930 SD2 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

March 30, 2026

SUBJECT: SB2930

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Finance Committee,

The West Maui Taxpayers' Association strongly supports SB2930.

While Maui County received \$1.6 billion in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, with \$25 million designated for community facilities, we believe this allocation is insufficient to fully rebuild and enhance our parks, schools, and public spaces, as well as the essential services our community depends on.

I am a resident of Lahaina who lost my home in the August 8, 2023, wildfire. It has now been 31 months since that devastating day. While we are gradually rebuilding our town and our lives, we still have a long road ahead.

Rebuilding Kamehameha III Elementary School must remain a top priority, along with providing meaningful support for all public schools in West Maui. Even before the wildfire, our community faced significant challenges, including the need for an additional elementary school on the north side and critical improvements to Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary School, Lahaina Intermediate School, and Lahainaluna High School.

Strategic use of the Lahaina insurance funds to support our schools will have a lasting and meaningful impact on our recovery—especially for the keiki of Lahaina, who represent our future.

Moreover, investing these funds into rebuilding a safer, stronger, and more resilient community will help restore public trust in the recovery process.

The West Maui Taxpayers' Association respectfully urges the House Committee on Finance to support SB2930, so that West Maui residents can finally see the rebuilding of Kamehameha III Elementary School and the long-overdue improvements to our public schools become a reality.

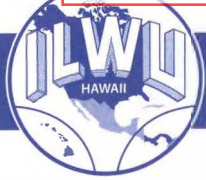
Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Rick Nava

Executive Director

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April 1, 2026

Representative Chris Todd, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
House of Representatives
Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: SB2930

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is given on behalf of the nearly 2,300 members of ILWU Local 142's Maui Division, as well as the wider Lahaina community, in strong and unambiguous support of SB 2930. We respectfully urge the committee to move this measure forward without delay.

The fires in Lahaina uprooted countless lives. For our members and their families, the devastation was not distant or abstract; it was immediate, personal, and enduring. Some lost beloved family members and many lost their homes, sense of security, and the familiar ties of neighborhood and community that gave Lahaina its meaning. Families are still in temporary housing, carrying the burden of displacement while trying to reconstruct a future that brings back a sense of place and dignity for our community.

To our members, this bill is more than just legislation. It is a sign that recovery is still possible. It is a concrete and necessary step toward the rebuilding of our beloved Kamehameha III elementary school, and the possibility of housing, community restoration and the long overdue return of stability. It also reflects a commitment to keeping the rebuilding resources anchored where they belong in Lahaina, in service of the people and places most deeply affected.

The Maui Division is the largest division within ILWU Local 142, and many of our members called Lahaina home before the fires. The weight of this disaster fell heavily on working families who have not only endured loss but continue to live with its aftermath each day. These are families who want to rebuild their lives, return to permanent homes, and remain part of the community they helped sustain. SB 2930 offers a meaningful path toward that goal.

The roadway and infrastructure improvements reflected in the project plans are especially significant. They would strengthen ingress and egress throughout Lahaina, improve traffic circulation during emergencies, and create added routes for residents, workers, and first responders. In moments of crisis, access is not a technical detail; it is a matter of safety, speed, and survival. Better road connectivity can ease congestion, improve evacuation movement, and provide safer passage through one of the areas most severely affected.

This project also advances the broader work of rebuilding by helping to show the foundation for schools, drainage, flood control, and housing. No community can fully recover without the infrastructure that allows families and public services to function with dignity and reliability.

SB 2930 helps move that essential work forward.

The need for action is urgent. For many survivors of the Lahaina fire, the path to recovery has already been long, painful, and uncertain. This bill stands for one practical step toward a future that is safer, stronger, and more rooted in hope. It should move forward now.

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Sincerely,

ILWU Local 142
Maui Division

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen West".

Stephen West
Division Director

SB-2930-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 4:30:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Foster Ampong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the FIN committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB2930. This bill is critical to ensuring that Lahaina insurance funds are administered transparently and dedicated to recovery efforts.

Representing my family, which has resided in Lahaina for sixteen generations and survived the wildfires of August 8, 2023, I wish to emphasize Lahaina's historical importance as a former state capital and its integral role in shaping Hawaii's multi-ethnic community.

I respectfully request your support in acknowledging Lahaina's heritage and significance.

Your endorsement of SB2930 will:

- Direct funds toward rebuilding efforts.
- Provide legislative oversight and strengthen fiscal integrity.
- Clarify procedures for managing proceeds.
- Restore public trust in recovery initiatives.

SB2930 enhances financial stewardship during this crucial period and, importantly, will offer vital assistance to families still working to recover their losses.

I strongly urge passage of this measure.

Foster Ampong

Kimokeo Ohana O Lahaina

Genealogy & Family History

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Howard Kihune	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd and Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the FIN committee,

Mahalo for the chance to provide written testimony in strong support of SB2930. This bill ensures the Lahaina insurance funds are used transparently for recovery. We must not forget: Lahaina was once our state capital and holds deep Hawaiian roots in our state. I ask for your support in recognizing Lahaina's historical significance.

This bill ensures funds go directly to rebuilding and re-establishes the commitment to people of Lahaina/West Maui. Provides legislative oversight and fiscal integrity while clarifying how proceeds are handled. Public trust is key in the recovery of Lahaina/West Maui and strengthens the overall financial stewardship that is needed at this critical time.

I urge you to pass this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2026 8:45:35 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vincent R H Rodrigues	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kakou e Chair Todd, Vice-chair Takenouchi and members of the Finance Committee:

I am testifying in favor of SB2930. As a descendant of native Hawaiian ancestors who have lineal ties to Lahaina since time immemorial, whose Portuguese ancestors operated sugar cane locomotives in Lahaina since the early 1900s, and whose Japanese ancestors worked the sugar cane fields of Lahaina since 1898 and, as a current resident of the Lahaina district (Olowalu, Ukumehame), I appreciate the concept of a sense of place.

A sense of place, self-identity, and historical roots is a concept that runs in the veins of all us who grew up in Hawaii.

Raising the spending ceiling and allocating funds as it relates to the enumerated projects is the least that we can do to retain our history, while at the same time, enable us to move forward.

Mahalo nui,

Hinano Rodrigues

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Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Greig	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair

The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Members of the Finance Committee

RE: SB2930, SD2 – Relating To The State Risk Management Revolving Fund

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is William Greig and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2930, SD2 which increases the expenditure ceiling and appropriates funds out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund.

The projects listed in the bill are extremely important to rebuild. Not only will the projects help restore the Lahaina Community, but these projects will also create local jobs for our local work force.

I respectfully request that you pass SB2930, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,

William Greig

SB-2930-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 3:54:03 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teddy C Barbosa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 31, 2026

To: The Honorable Jackson D. Sayama, Chair

The Honorable Mike Lee, Vice Chair

Members of the House Committee on Labor

RE: SB2930, SD2 – Relating To The State Risk Management Revolving Fund

Aloha Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Teddy Barbosa and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2930, SD2 which increases the expenditure ceiling and appropriates funds out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund.

The projects listed in the bill are extremely important to rebuild. Not only will the projects help restore the Lahaina Community, but these projects will also create local jobs for our local work force.

I respectfully request that you pass SB2930, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Teddy Barbosa

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April 1, 2026

TO: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 2, 2026; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2930, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND**

I **support** this measure to increase the expenditure ceiling for the State Risk Management Revolving Fund, appropriate funds, and require a collaboratively developed, master coordinated project spreadsheet for Lahaina's redevelopment.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. An increase in the expenditure ceiling and funds are necessary for the timely repair and rebuilding of public facilities and infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the 2023 Maui wildfires, including King Kamehameha III Elementary School and roadway, David Malo Circle and Piilani Homes, Lahaina Small Boat Harbor, and Lahaina Public Library.
2. Developing a master coordinated project spreadsheet will allow all involved agencies and entities to more efficiently participate in the meaningful and coordinated rebuilding of Lahaina.
3. This measure will foster ongoing State-County collaboration on recovery.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Office of Councilmember Paltin	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tamara Paltin, Councilmember for the West Maui residency area, and I support SB2930 relating to the State Risk Management Revolving Fund and the rebuilding of State facilities in Lahaina.

Raising the expenditure ceiling is necessary to ensure insurance proceeds can be used in a timely manner to rebuild critical State facilities destroyed in the 2023 Lahaina wildfire, including King Kamehameha III Elementary School, State housing, the Lahaina Public Library, Lahaina Small Boat Harbor, and other essential infrastructure.

I would also suggest that, given the significant recent storm damage from Kona Low events and the City and County of Honolulu's access to reserve funds and emergency funding for storm recovery, the Legislature may want to consider prioritizing or restricting the State Risk Management Revolving Fund primarily for wildfire-related rebuilding in Lahaina, where insurance proceeds and rebuilding needs remain substantial and ongoing.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Tamara Paltin

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April 1, 2026

TO: Honorable Chris Todd, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Thomas Cook
Councilmember 

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2026
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2930 SD2 HD1 -
RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT
REVOLVING FUND**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB2930 SD2 HD1**, relating to the State Risk Management Revolving Fund and the timely deployment of insurance proceeds for Lahaina's recovery.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am testifying in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council and as Chair of its Water & Infrastructure Committee.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Timely use of insurance proceeds for Lahaina's rebuilding.

Because of the 2023 Maui wildfires, the State has received property and liability insurance proceeds for state facilities damaged or destroyed in Lahaina. These funds were specifically intended to repair, rebuild, and restore impacted public infrastructure. Increasing the expenditure ceiling of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund will allow these dollars to be accessed and distributed without unnecessary delay. The longer these funds remain constrained, the greater the

risk of slowed recovery and lost momentum in rebuilding essential public facilities.

2. Support for the rebuilding of Kamehameha III Elementary School.

This measure is especially important to help fund the rebuilding of Kamehameha III Elementary School, a historic and foundational institution in the West Maui community. The school serves generations of Lahaina families and remains a symbol of stability and continuity for our keiki. Ensuring that insurance proceeds are leveraged for its reconstruction is both fiscally responsible and critical to community recovery.

3. Coordinated and strategic infrastructure planning.

SB2930 SD2 HD1 appropriately requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to develop a master coordinated project spreadsheet in collaboration with key state agencies, including the Department of Education, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and consultation with the County of Maui.

This coordinated approach is prudent. Rebuilding Lahaina involves shared infrastructure systems, overlapping jurisdictions, and limited public and private resources. A master coordinated project spreadsheet will help prevent duplication of effort, reduce siloed planning, and ensure that insurance proceeds are maximized before other capital improvement funding is impacted.

4. Fiscal responsibility and protection of statewide capital resources.

By utilizing available insurance proceeds through the State Risk Management Revolving Fund, the State can avoid unnecessary strain on traditional capital improvement project appropriations. This protects funding capacity for other critical statewide needs while ensuring that disaster-related losses are addressed with the resources already designated for that purpose.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully urge the House Committee on Finance to pass SB2930 SD2 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. If you have questions relating to this testimony, please contact my office by e-mail at Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us or by phone at (808) 270-7108.

April 2, 2026

TO:

Chair Chris Todd
Vice Chair Takenouchi
Members of the Committee on Finance

FROM:

Lahela Aiwahi
Principal Consultant, Ola Maui

SUBJECT:

STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB2930, SD1, HD1 – RELATING TO STATE FINANCES

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lahela Aiwahi, and I am the Principal Consultant of Ola Maui, a Maui-based firm dedicated to community engagement, government affairs, and post-disaster recovery support. I am writing in **strong support** of SB2930, SD1, HD1.

This measure is critically important to the people of Maui—especially Lahaina—as it increases expenditure ceilings and appropriates funds from the State Risk Management Revolving Fund. These funds are not abstract dollars; they are tied directly to the losses, damages, and claims resulting from the 2023 Lahaina wildfires.

At its core, this bill represents an opportunity for the State to take a meaningful step toward restoring what was lost.

For the Lahaina community, recovery has not been linear. Families remain displaced. Small businesses are struggling to return. Property owners—many of whom are generational stewards of their lands—continue to face significant financial and regulatory barriers to rebuilding. While insurance proceeds and settlements exist within State systems, the reality on the ground is that many affected residents have yet to receive relief commensurate with the scale of their losses.

SB2930 helps bridge that gap.

By allowing access to and appropriation of these funds, the Legislature is acknowledging a simple but powerful principle:

The resources tied to Lahaina must return to Lahaina.

These funds should be deployed in a way that directly supports:

- Rebuilding efforts for homes and small businesses
- Infrastructure restoration in impacted areas

- Financial relief pathways for displaced families
- Community-based recovery initiatives that are culturally grounded and locally driven

As someone who works closely with impacted families, community leaders, and recovery partners on Maui, I can attest that there is an urgent need for flexible, accessible funding that meets people where they are. The longer these resources remain constrained within bureaucratic structures, the more difficult it becomes for our community to stabilize and heal.

Equally important is the message this bill sends.

Passing SB2930 signals that the State of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring that recovery is not just discussed—but delivered. It reinforces trust in government systems at a time when many in our community are still searching for clarity, support, and a path forward.

Lahaina is not just a place—it is a living, cultural, and historical center of Maui. The rebuilding of Lahaina must be driven by the people who call it home and supported by the resources meant to protect them in times of crisis.

We respectfully urge this Committee to pass SB2930, SD1, HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your continued commitment to the people of Maui.

Mahalo Nui,



Kahela Aiwahi
Principal Consultant, Ola Maui