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- DCCA Public Comment

**February 24, 2006**

**TO DCCA DIRECTOR MARK RECKTENWALD**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

I attend DCCA's public comment meetings in Hilo on February 1, on Maui February 15, on Molokai February 16 and on Oahu February 22.

At each of those meetings I provided public testimony.

I was truly amazed at the testimony at all the meetings, which was overwhelmingly in support of the community services provided by the non-profit public, educational and government television access organizations serving communities throughout the state. Testifiers were almost in unanimous support of DCCA seeking an exemption for the access providers from procurement by competitive means as dictated in the procurement law.

I was also amazed at the ad hoc manner in which the public comment meetings were carried out with different rules applied by DCCA to how the meetings were conducted on each island.

After experiencing DCCA putting a time limit on the Maui meeting and closing the sessions after hearing from only 24 of 70 signed up to testify, and then a few days later on Oahu allowing the meeting to continue for as long as it took to hear from all of the 75 or so people who wanted to testify, I decided I wasn't going to submit written testimony.

However, I changed my mind when I received a copy of a letter below, which was sent out today, February 24, 2006 by Governor Linda Lingle.

*February 24, 2006*

*Dear Molokai Resident*

*Having lived on Molokai for a number of years, I know first hand how much community spirit and participation our Molokai residents have on issues affecting the island.*

*Thank you for expressing your views regarding Akaku and the RFP process.*

*For your information, the State Procurement Office and the Attorney General informed the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) that the state procurement laws must be followed in the awarding of public access television contracts. As a result, state law dictates that the DCCA needs to pursue future Akaku and all other public access contracts through an RFP process.*

*I appreciate your comments and concerns and will be sending a copy of your email to Director Recktenwald to be included in the public comment file.*

*Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.*

*Governor Linda Lingle*

This letter seems to confirm what one Hilo resident told me at the first DCCA public comment meeting in Hilo. He said that he felt that the public meetings DCCA was conducting were just for show and DCCA had already made up its mind to go for a Request for Proposal (RFP) and subject the public access providers to a competitive bid process.

So here are some of my general thoughts. Take them for what they are worth.

To start off, I would recommend that DCCA ask the State Procurement Office for at least a 12 month extension in order for DCCA to do its homework and work with the public you serve to make sure that things are done right and valuable community resources around the state which have been nurtured through community building over a 15 year period are not lost.

Because once they are lost, they will not be recovered again and the public will have lost something that is very special in to the residents of our state.

During this extended time period I would go out for another round of public comment meetings better prepared to educate the public which in turn will lead to more constructive and focused testimony.

Below are some of the thoughts I put together when I forwarded the Governor's letters to others around the state.

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Hello Mr. Rectonwald and MR. Sanobe,  
This is your new friend Tyson Saucier, I live in Maui county and was a guest at your meeting recently here. I think that you guys are up to no good and that this thing will bite you in the butt if you don't handle it well. Do your homework, take your time and CYA, all that i'm saying is that you guys should do this in the pono way or expect problems of a legal kind. I know that you can do it where it actual makes these pegs better for the public, or even exempt it from bidding. I will keep close watch and have my friends on Oahu keep an eye on your dealing on this matter also. Take good care and Malama PONO ALL-WAYS! Tyson

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Should the DCCA allow state agencies such as UH and MCC to bid, it would create a huge liability that would not be advantageous to the state. Not only would these state institutions have inherent conflicts of interests with competing educational voices, such an action would run counter to long standing democratic principles. State-run television is the hallmark of dictatorial, autocratic regimes not becoming in a democracy. It runs counter to the 1997 DCCA commissioned study, Disputes over PEG Resources, which recommended that the "DCCA use it's authority to deter raids on PEGs buy other state agencies"; and to the DCCA's own statement that "These access organizations are intended to be independent, they are not intended to be state agencies"

It is also troubling that the Department has not released the opinion of the Attorney General regarding its compliance with the State Procurement Code prior to conducting public comment sessions and that the Department has put forth an unrealistic June 30, time frame for the resolution of these matters. These actions call into question whether the PEG access issues are being dealt with in an open, fair and equitable manner. This lack of transparency may be advantageous to the state cable monopoly provider or to certain bureaucrats and agencies but it is definitely not advantageous to the state if the interest of the public holds any weight.

With respect to the DCCA's desire to seek comment on whether to seek an exemption for the PEG's from the State Procurement Office or to issue an RFP, it is the position of Akaku and an overwhelming majority of Maui citizens, that the DCCA seek an exemption. In addition to the reason's cited above, to issue an RFP would be "not practicable", nor would it be "advantageous to the state" because:

## 1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING IS BEST PRACTICE

By definition, independent community access channels can best meet community communications needs with an emphasis on localism and decentralization of media.

**It is not practicable or advantageous to the state** or for the DCCA to supercede or intrude upon the demonstrated legitimate community communications needs of Maui Nui and the informed local decision making of the local PEG access boards.

## 2. A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IS NOT PRACTICABLE IN TIME FRAME

PEG Access on Maui is not broke and does not need to be fixed. Good government oversight requires intelligent solutions to bureaucratic error. To provide a quick fix to an issue of this magnitude by attempting to prepare an informed and fair RFP in the time frame allowed is **not practicable** or realistic. The DCCA, by its own admission lacks expertise in this area and needs to acquire it. To seek out "best practice" models, fully involve PEG access boards and local publics, conduct comprehensive audits and provide a proper review of this matter will take considerably longer than the four month time frame. The issuance of an RFP would also require existing PEG's to divert time and scarce resources to the RFP process at the expense of delivery of services.

## 3. PEG SERVICES ARE UNIQUE

PEG Access operations and services are a unique community communications resource that are the result of community building over a period of several years. PEG's exhibit profoundly different characteristics than other forms of commercial, institutional and public television and require a philosophy and expertise not usually available. The current model is not broke and does not need fixing. To consider the replacement of mature PEG entities with other vendors in the manner proposed by the DCCA is contrary to the expressed wishes of the Maui community, potentially disruptive to the community communication citizens have become dependent upon for information, irresponsible, subject to abuse by vested intertests, and is **not practicable and not advantageous to the state**.

## 4. CABLE FRANCHISE FEES ARE NOT STATE FUNDS

Cable franchise fees are assessed as rent for using public rights of way and these funds are earmarked by statute to support a specific and unique service through independent community communications non-profit corporations created by the state. These funds do not come from taxes or the state's general fund and therefore their use should not be subject to state procurement procedure.

## 5. HAWAII PUBLIC TELEVISION MUST BE INCLUDED

Using the same rationale for issuing an RFP for the PEG's , it would appear that KHET which receives 1% of PEG access funds annually from the DCCA would also be subject to an RFP process which would be cumbersome at best.

## 6. PEG SELF SUFFICIENCY AT RISK

A regular RFP process with contracts that are not co-terminous with cable franchises would have the effect of de-stabalizing the individual PEG's by making it difficult to meet DCCA mandated long term self-sufficiency goals

In conclusion, due to the unique nature and character of PEG entities in Hawaii, an RFP process put forth in this way in this time frame as a solution to one hand of government not knowing what the other hand is doing is a terrible idea.

If the state still wants to move ahead and issue an RFP and not seek an exemption, it should do so judiciously and in a meaningful way. It needs to facilitate Community Television conferences and genuine discussion on each island in order to develop criteria subject to the approval of local PEG access boards. It would need to complete a thorough review and

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Respectfully submitted on Friday, February 24, 2006 by,

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Should the DCCA allow state agencies such as UH and MCC to bid, it would create a huge liability that would not be advantageous to the state. Not only would these state institutions have inherent conflicts of interests with competing educational voices, such an action would run counter to long standing democratic principles. State-run television is the hallmark of dictatorial, autocratic regimes not becoming in a democracy. It runs counter to the 1997 DCCA commissioned study, Disputes over PEG Resources, which recommended that the "DCCA use it's authority to deter raids on PEGs buy other state agencies"; and to the DCCA's own statement that "These access organizations are intended to be independent, they are not intended to be state agencies"

It is also troubling that the Department has not released the opinion of the Attorney General regarding its compliance with the State Procurement Code prior to conducting public comment sessions and that the Department has put forth an unrealistic June 30, time frame for the resolution of these matters. These actions call into question whether the PEG access issues are being dealt with in an open, fair and equitable manner. This lack of transparency may be advantageous to the state cable monopoly provider or to certain bureaucrats and agencies but it is definitely not advantageous to the state if the interest of the public holds any weight.

With respect to the DCCA's desire to seek comment on whether to seek an exemption for the PEG's from the State Procurement Office or to issue an RFP, it is the position of Akaku and an overwhelming majority of Maui citizens, that the DCCA seek an exemption. In addition to the reason's cited above, to issue an RFP would be "not practicable", nor would it be "advantageous to the state" because:

#### 1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING IS BEST PRACTICE

By definition, independent community access channels can best meet community communications needs with an emphasis on localism and decentralization of media.

**It is not practicable or advantageous to the state** or for the DCCA to supercede or intrude upon the demonstrated legitimate community communications needs of Maui Nui and the informed local decision making of the local PEG access boards.

## 2. A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IS NOT PRACTICABLE IN TIME FRAME

PEG Access on Maui is not broke and does not need to be fixed. Good government oversight requires intelligent solutions to bureaucratic error. To provide a quick fix to an issue of this magnitude by attempting to prepare an informed and fair RFP in the time frame allowed is **not practicable** or realistic. The DCCA, by its own admission lacks expertise in this area and needs to acquire it. To seek out "best practice" models, fully involve PEG access boards and local publics, conduct comprehensive audits and provide a proper review of this matter will take considerably longer than the four month time frame. The issuance of an RFP would also require existing PEG's to divert time and scarce resources to the RFP process at the expense of delivery of services.

## 3. PEG SERVICES ARE UNIQUE

PEG Access operations and services are a unique community communications resource that are the result of community building over a period of several years. PEG's exhibit profoundly different characteristics than other forms of commercial, institutional and public television and require a philosophy and expertise not usually available. The current model is not broke and does not need fixing. To consider the replacement of mature PEG entities with other vendors in the manner proposed by the DCCA is contrary to the expressed wishes of the Maui community, potentially disruptive to the community communication citizens have become dependent upon for information, irresponsible, subject to abuse by vested interests, and is **not practicable and not advantageous to the state.**

## 4. CABLE FRANCHISE FEES ARE NOT STATE FUNDS

Cable franchise fees are assessed as rent for using public rights of way and these funds are earmarked by statute to support a specific and unique service through independent community communications non-profit corporations created by the state. These funds do not come from taxes or the state's general fund and therefore their use should not be subject to state procurement procedure.

## 5. HAWAII PUBLIC TELEVISION MUST BE INCLUDED

Using the same rationale for issuing an RFP for the PEG's, it would appear that KHET which receives 1% of PEG access funds annually from the DCCA would also be subject to an RFP process, which would be cumbersome at best.

## 6. PEG SELF SUFFICIENCY AT RISK

A regular RFP process with contracts that are not co-terminus with cable franchises would have the effect of de-stabilizing the individual PEG's by making it difficult to meet DCCA mandated long term self-sufficiency goals

In conclusion, due to the unique nature and character of PEG entities in Hawaii, an RFP process put forth in this way in this time frame as a solution to one hand of government not knowing what the other hand is doing is a terrible idea.

If the state still wants to move ahead and issue an RFP and not seek an exemption, it should do so judiciously and in a meaningful way. It needs to facilitate Community Television conferences and genuine discussion on each island in order to develop criteria subject to the approval of local PEG access boards. It would need to complete a thorough review and analysis of PEG access that includes the full participation of local access stakeholders including a series of public hearings on each island. It would need to conduct audits of the DCCA itself and all entities which have received cable access funds in the past including UH, MCC, DOE and KHET. It would need to bring in the best and brightest from successful PEG access operations around the nation and commission a informed plan of action with maximum community involvement that meets the fullest range of community



communications needs.

Respectfully submitted on Friday, February 24, 2006 by,

Jay April  
Chairman  
Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc

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"Michelle Anderson" <Michelle.Anderson@mauicounty.us> on 02/24/2006  
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Subject: testimony



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To: Mark Recktenwald <mark.e.recktenwald@dcca.hawaii.gov>  
cc:  
Subject: Testimony of Councilmember Anderson

Dear Director Recktenwald,

Below you will find the transcription of the testimony of Councilmember Michelle Anderson. Mr. Sonobe stated that transcriptions would be taken as written testimony if someone was willing to do it, and I was. This is the first of several testimonies. Please forward each of them to Mr. Sonobe, as I do not have his email address.

Councilmember Michelle Anderson speaking on her own behalf:

I would like to mention that the staff of AKAKU are setting up out at the water resource meeting right now, so those of you that are missing that to be here will be able to see it at a later time.

I think this is a really really important issue so I made it a point to come here. The service that we have received from AKAKU since 1990 has been exemplary. They have built an organization that is envied nationwide. And anything that would threaten that organization and the investment in the public's cable access fees I see as a direct threat to public access on Maui and to free speech on Maui.  
(applause)

Why is AKAKU so important to us? We are small islands and a small county and we have only one daily paper with which to get the news of the day, and print media is many times written with some bias by the reporter. So you don't necessarily get the whole truth and all the facts connected with any event and any issue in the print media. They are constrained by daily deadlines, space, whatever it might be and also they may be constrained by any personal bias that the reporter might have. And that's why it's so important that we have our services continued by AKAKU, to our community because it gives the community the right to see what's actually happening in their community and within their government. Because by sitting at home and watching AKAKU they are able to participate in their government and see exactly what's going on without any bias being applied to the outcome of whatever decision making may be going on. This is the people's business and they have a right to a front row seat to what is going on in their county government and AKAKU provides this, and they provide that in an exemplary way. I think if you open this up to any kind of a bid process you are exposing AKAKU to the possibility of losing what they have built over the last 15 years. We need to protect this investment. This is an invaluable service for everybody in the county and any threat to this service is really unacceptable.  
(Applause) This organization has displayed their ability to provide the service to the community time and time again. Prior to becoming a council member I was

an aide to a council member so I have been intimately involved in what AKAKU has been able to provide for the county for the last 8 years and they have always stepped up to the plate. Any time there has been a problem they have always solved it immediately and saw to it that it never happened again. So I believe that HRS 103(d)-102 provides you with exemptions to the bid process and I believe that AKAKU fits within these exemptions and I would plead with you to exempt them from the open bid process and protect the investment that the community has put in to AKAKU all these years. Thank you very much.

Michelle Anderson



melinda foster <melifoster@yahoo.com> on 02/24/2006 04:01:28 PM

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Subject: Akaku

DCCA,

It would be in the greatest interest of all concerned if Akaku were to be exempt from the bidding process. Akaku has provided excellent services to Maui County through quality programming, knowledgeable staff and outreach education that have gone above and beyond what is expected. The many outreach programs they provide have positively affected the community. These services were developed specifically for the type of community we live in and know one else would be able to provide the services Akaku does in a way that includes the whole community from keiki to kupuna.

Mahalo,  
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Subject: Testimony-MCC meeting-2/15/2006

DCCA Cable TV Division -2/25/06

From-Malia Johnson, RN, EdD-Assistant Professor,  
Nursing Division, Maui Community College

We were asked to email our thoughts related to our  
testimony on 2/15/2006 at the meeting regarding public  
access cable held at Maui Community College

I did not have my testimony written at that time but these  
are my reflections. I teach a course for Nursing  
Assistants at MCC that is rebroadcast several times so  
that students in Maui County who are working or caring  
for small children can access this course without  
coming to our TV classroom. They do have a lab  
instructor who meets them in small groups for their  
clinical experience in long-term care. I taught for 30  
years at the School of Nursing at the University of Texas  
in Austin, Texas. This experience of teaching on TV with  
cable access was a new experience for me when I  
started teaching this course at MCC approximately 10  
years ago. I realized that I was reaching a lot of the  
public who needed similar information regarding the  
care of their family members. I am constantly being  
stopped in the community and given comments about  
classes that the family member or patient has viewed on  
our cable access channel. I have added specific material  
for this population. When I have attended national  
nursing meetings on distance education, I have been  
surprised to learn that many of my professional  
colleagues in other states were opposed to the public  
viewing of information in courses that they have not paid  
for. I think Maui Community College does a tremendous  
public service by offering courses on cable and  
Skybridge to encourage access to education for many  
that need to work in order to attend college. I think we  
should have public access. However, I think there are  
limits to what we can present through this forum.  
Several years ago, I viewed an Akaku TV presentation on  
a Day in The Life Of An Older Woman In This County  
Who Had Alzheimer's Disease. It was very well done  
until it showed the son changing his mother's briefs. I  
would never show this on public access TV. Did his  
mother sign a release to have this part of her body

shown on TV to people in this community that probably knew her? She was not mentally competent to sign such a release at this time in her life. I would not be able to show this kind of film in my class. We are not free to broadcast all materials using this medium without any attention to the ramifications of a public presentation.



"Iris Cober" <iris@akaku.org> on 02/24/2006 01:55:14 PM

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To: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald  
Cable TV Administrator Clyde Sonobe

From: Iris Cober  
Interim President/CEO

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Akaku's PEG Access services and whether the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) should seek an exemption from the State procurement competitive bid process.

Akaku would like the DCCA to seek an exemption from the requirement that the services provided by Akaku and other Public Education and Government (PEG) access centers across the state be procured through a competitive bid process.

Over the past few weeks, people from PEG providers respective communities have shared their valuable time and come forward to voice their concern and views with the DCCA. It was a great learning experience. The message consistently heard is to exempt the PEG providers throughout the State of Hawaii from the procurement process. Their messages affirmed their support for the services they receive and personal value they placed on them.

Akaku conducted an online survey to garner input based on questions raised by the DCCA. The outcome mirrors those voices heard during the public comment sessions which are to seek the exemption.

As the DCCA considers the input gathered from the public hearings, please take the time to consider the far-reaching effects that decision has and how it could impact Akaku and the other community access providers' ability to continue to serve our unique and diverse communities. There are many intangible, unquantifiable aspects of what Hawaii's PEG Access providers do. We are not merely service providers in the community; we are part of the community.

Akaku's approach to community building empowers everyday citizens with more than just equipment, but also the encouragement and support needed to share their message and issues with viewers so that we may all learn from one another's experiences and points of view.

Akaku has been doing business in Maui County since 1992. We have a proven track record with the DCCA and our community at large as being the sole provider of public access services in our community. The many years of service is built on relationships and community trust. The strength of our services is attributed to the invaluable and skilled staff resource we have established over the years. Although services on Maui have been put to a test this past year we are an organization that communities in Maui County have grown to trust and have come to rely on for providing services above and beyond what is expected.

Akaku's ability to attract and retain qualified staff on a long-term basis would be hurt by annual or frequent contract bidding process. Due to Hawaii's low unemployment rate it is difficult to attract and retain qualified staff. Insecurity in Akaku's longevity would disrupt daily operations

as staff dwell on the what ifs and uncertainties as well as drive staff to find more “secure” employment elsewhere. Additionally, the voluminous request for proposal process would take valuable staff time reducing time available to provide direct services to the community. As with all non-profit organizations, Akaku has stringent operational requirements for reporting and accountability. Akaku has been accountable to the DCCA and its numerous funders and the community at large. The community has a right to expect accountability and ongoing services that evolve to meet its ever-changing needs. Competitive bid would disrupt continuous and reliable service to our PEG (public, education, and government) access customers. Longstanding partnerships and continuous services would be in jeopardy. If the contract was awarded to a new entity, service would be disrupted, stalled, or delayed, to the detriment of viewers and individuals and entities that rely on and create PEG access programming.

Over the years, Akaku has demonstrated its ability to provide fair, equitable, accessible services along with transparent governance. The complexity of this public access deliverable serving public, education and government is not easily replicated, transferred or substituted.

As stated in the DCCA fact sheet, PEG access services would continue even with the procurement process in place however the instability and constant uncertainty of losing the PEG contract each contract period is detrimental and not reasonable if the PEGs goal is self-sufficiency and long-term sustainability.

Currently, the DCCA’s contract with PEGs allows it substantial flexibility. On Maui as with other PEG providers, public access services are designed to meet DCCA’s requirements and the community’s needs. The provider has the flexibility to create and design customized programs to best fit these needs. An RFP awarded contract would restrict flexibility in developing new programs that meet changing community needs. Changes to contract terms and service will cause delay in service delivery and flexibility for both PEG provider and DCCA. In the bid process, the scope of service and deliverables are specific and detailed. Changes in the scope of service or deliverable would require considerable time for discussion and adjustments to contract services and allocation. The PEG provider would delay service delivery while processing the change and the State would also incur additional costs in personnel time. The competitive bid process is not practicable and not advantageous to the State as it hampers this flexibility and delivery of services as well as adds additional financial burdens on both parties.

One of the greatest fears in the competitive bid process is creating a cookie cutter service that is unyielding, impractical and not advantageous for the community it serves, and creating a monopoly among a very limited pool of qualified providers.

The DCCA’s task of designing the requirements and scope of services for the competitive bid process is daunting. Substantial staff time would be required in consulting, developing a request for proposal, administering the bid process and addressing any change adjustments. Additionally, crafting proposals to address each County’s complexity and uniqueness would require additional personnel, increasing administrative costs for the DCCA.

As the DCCA closed it’s public comment hearings, reviews input, and determines the best process to act upon, it keeps in mind the many voices heard from Hilo to Lihue, from youth as young as 11 years old to kupunas... “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!”



John and Christel Blumer-Buell <blubu@aloha.net> on 02/24/2006 01:13:20 PM

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Subject: Public Testimony re: RFP Process

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February 24, 2006

State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA)  
Mr. Mark Recktenwald, Director  
P. O. Box 541, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809  
Sent Via Fax 808-586-2625 and email cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov

Subject: Public Comments Regarding Request For Proposals (RFP) Process, Public Access Television.

Aloha Mr. Recktenwald,

Please consider all our comments carefully. Mahalo! We are sending this testimony in hopes of thoughtfully resolving the current crisis and unanswered questions regarding Akaku Community Television.

1) **Current Service Provided By Akaku.** We think the current level of service is very good. We live in an isolated area, Hana, and appreciate Akaku for the wide variety of community presentations that otherwise would not be available. We are better informed for the programming.

Akaku has made outreach training in Hana available. There has been a sincere effort to involve our community.

2) **RFP Process.** First, we request a copy of the ruling made by the State Attorney General regarding the RFP process. Perhaps, you can send it via email. It is our understanding this ruling has triggered the current public hearing process.

Because the board of directors situation at Akaku has become so divided and politicized, we think a waiver of the RFP process is appropriate provided there are conditions attached that will insure the Public part of Public, Education and Government (PEG) is fairly represented on the Akaku Board.

It is very clear there is an organized effort to take over the Akaku Board by special interests. That needs to be avoided. The RFP process would enable the inappropriate, unwanted and possible illegal organized takeover.

3) **Akaku Board Members.** A reorganization of the requirements for board members should be considered as part of the solution. We suggest the board should be made up of representatives from non profit community organizations that represent the different parts of the island. For example, Hana Community Association, Haiku Community Association, Kihei Community Association, Kula Page 2, Blumer-Buell Testimony

Community Association and so forth. This would help to insure the Public part of PEG is represented fairly. There could be additional components to this idea.

4) **Collaboration.** There is a need for more collaboration between the PEG components. Here is a concrete example: Maui Community College (MCC) has a remote, interactive, classroom in Hana. Akaku has live broadcasts from the Maui County Building to Hana via cable. However, neither Hana residents or our Hana District Council Representative can participate in meetings live from Hana. This should be easily achievable not only for Hana, but Molokai and Lanai.

The County of Maui envisioned interactive live broadcasts from the Hana Council Services Office. This is only a hundred feet from the MCC classroom. Why can't MCC, Akaku and Government, the PEG components, collaborate to make this possible? Democracy would be better served if we could participate in our County and State Government without an enormous sacrifice of time and money.

5) **Money Issues.** The division of cable funds needs to be publicly explained and collaborated by a group of non partisan parties. We do not like what appears to be a political interpretation of this issue. What are the laws, without "political interpretation"? It would be unfair for Akaku to be undermined by what may be the unfair taking of Akaku's rightful funds. It is equally true for the other PEG components.

The same non partisan look needs to be taken regarding the purchase of the shopping center by Akaku. What is legal? Again, we do not think this should be subject to political interpretation. Has the DCCA previously taken a position on the purchase? What has been done with the income?

The issue of funds going to MCC has been raised. Please clear the air regarding the issue with a long-term accounting.

Finally, accusations have been made that the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is acting with a political agenda. We want the DCCA to act above board, without any appearance of impropriety or prejudice.

There needs to be unbiased accountability across the board.

Sincerely yours,

Christel and John Blumer-Buell

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Subject: 5pam:Maui Akaku

Thank you for the regulation of an 'out of control' board of directors at Akaku. The board is not an even blend representing the P, E, or G of PEG. I do not know if this is required. The name calling, misinformation spread and compounded upon, and extortion are just not right. I include extortion because of the fact that if one happens to work or has a family member that works in the tourist industry, one cannot voice a concern without taking the risk of being labeled a money greedy developer cohort. Then, these self proclaimed saviors of free speech will never cease to lie and continue to degrade the individual through their chosen prime time programming. If one happens to be in government the same 'free speech' principals apply, unless one echoes their same theories. Please do not bend or rewrite the States rules to adapt to these few board members. ,

Thank you,  
Ronald D. Pitts; 3520 Keahi Pl. Kihei 879-1855



Noel Angel <noelangel2@yahoo.com> on 02/24/2006 12:31:14 PM

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Subject: Akaku compeditive bid exemption

Dear Clyde Sonobe,

Please exempt Akaku from the requirement that PEG access services be procured through competitive bid.

Getting our State government so deeply involved in a small Maui county dispute between the very small group of 13 board members at Akaku is a poor expenditure of the States time, money and resources. This dispute is around financing and power. What is most disturbing is that Akaku's mission of unedited and uncensored community access may be compromised and even possibly lost forever in this legislative process.

It is imperative to keep public access PUBLIC and to keep our constitutional rights and freedoms FREE!!! By getting the State government so deeply involved in our County public access programs, I feel there will be a lot of censorship, control and manipulation by the government and the big businesses that will be bidding for the access services. This will not serve the community and will do more harm than good.

I am not one who creates the video programs to be viewed on Akaku, so am unable to speak of, or know the quality of their service to the people who make videos for the air.

I am a viewer of the Akaku stations and I do appreciate all the programming - educational, government meetings that I cannot attend personally, and the videos created by private citizens about their views, ways of life, or concerns for the environment et all. The guidelines that Akaku has in place seem to be good to me. I never see anything that I would consider to be amoral or x-rated.

I very much enjoy the videos made by the private citizens, including the ones that I may disagree with. I like to know ALL opinions and views of islanders that are out there. I also like to know there is a venue for expression for people who are passionate enough about a perhaps unpopular view to create a video. If someone cannot be heard at this level, they may take a more unpopular violent level of communication until they are heard. This public programming, the way it is now, helps to create peace and goodwill in our community.

I am very disappointed in our State government officials for allowing themselves to get caught up and involved with what was originally a financial and power dispute between a very small group of board members of a County public access station. Unfortunately, the governments involvement and new course of legislative action that is being proposed has the potential to undermine the main mission of Akaku to provide free access, uncensored and unedited communication to the entire community of Maui, not just special interest groups. I hope the State will take a hard and honest look, and see this for what it is and see that the majority of the community does not want the changes that are being proposed to go through a competitive bid process - especially to For Profit business.

What requirements should be included in the proposal???

First choice - **Exempt Akaku from the requirement that services be procured through competitive bid.** Period. Live Akaku alone. Leave it the way it is. The MAJORITY of the community is happy with Akaku!!!!

Second choice - If you go ahead and go against the public wishes....

A) Make the language very clear and very simple that the basic foundation procedures will stay intact that are already in place at Akaku for not editing and not censoring the videos that are aired, nor changing the types of videos that are currently allowed.

B) If you insist on putting this up to bid, at least prevent For Profit businesses and Government agencies from bidding. Also put some kind of financial cap on the Non-profit groups, as some can be very large and powerful as well which will have the same potential problems.

Please listen to the public opinion and respect the views and popular/majority votes of the public that far outweigh the small disgruntled fraction of Akaku Board Members that brought this matter to the attention of the State and are demanding legislative action and control to get what they want.

Sincerely,  
Noel Dupree

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james miner <jamesminer@yahoo.com> on 02/24/2006 11:08:54 AM

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Subject: Akaku

For All Concerned-

In the guise of fulfilling the letter of the law, the state government of Hawaii will be destroying the spirit of the law if it attempts to put Akaku: Maui Community Television up for a bidding process.

The main intent for citizen cable access is to give a channel for ordinary voices to express their views. These are views that should have no commercial influence, either directly or indirectly. Exposing Akaku to commercial management would eventually create a greater hornets nest than is buzzing right now.

The problem is not if Akaku is serving Maui County, but if Maui County is adequately serving Akaku. Please restore adequate funding for operations and institute an auditing procedure to ensure no favoritism exists with whatever programming gets aired. Please remember that Akaku exists not to placate special interest but to serve the diversity of public input.

Sincerely,  
James Miner  
Haiku, HI 808-572-9049





"linda dorset" <sairys\_11@hotmail.com> on 02/24/2006 10:48:17 AM

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Subject: PROPOSAL TO AWARD PEG ACCESS CONTRACT VIA RFP PROCESS

I believe it would be a mistake award the contract for PEG access services in Maui County on the basis of a competitive bid. Akaku already has an excellent track record for serving the community's needs to this point and allowing all points of view to have access to the media of television. Not only have they have proven themselves to be able to carry on this mission even in the face of inner conflict and budgetary constraints, but they have garnered for themselves a reputation for being one of the best public access stations in the country. They have also built up relationships with other community groups for education and fostering interest in video. I see no reason to create further disruption of this process by forcing them to spend valuable time and effort preparing a bid to compete with other groups who have no proven ability to be able to continue the same level of service. I believe further that anyone who says they can provide better service for less money will wind up cheating the public.

It hasn't been easy though. The loss of a large portion of their expected revenue has made it difficult to keep equipment in good repair and has necessitated cutbacks in staff and hours of operation. Only the expertise of the staff has allowed the station to keep it's commitment to provide helpful and friendly public access.

Also, I believe that all the items listed as possible requirements to be included in an RFP are currently being well addressed by Akaku.

Linda Dorset  
Akaku Producer and Cable Subscriber



Tom Talbot <talbottom@yahoo.com> on 02/24/2006 10:28:20 AM

To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
cc:

Subject: Akaku-HANDS OFF!!!

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you not to change anything about PEG programming here on Maui. The public access channels are excellent and well run. Speaking for our entire family, including three boys under 10, I can say that the educational and locally produced shows we watch on Akaku are our very favorite shows. We watch the PEG channels more than any other TV channels. The best thing about our public access channels is that they are without commercials.

We would be very upset and dismayed if these public access channels were either curtailed or abandoned all together because of a public bidding process. I do not believe that we could stand by and do nothing while our freedom of speech and right to share in the public airwaves was limited.

Please do not vote to give the PEG channels to commercial interests!

Tom Talbot  
900 Haiku Rd  
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"Stephen Luksic" <maui.tree@verizon.net> on 02/24/2006 09:40:50 AM

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cc:

Subject: Public Comment on SPO

Please send a receipt reply, so I know you got this.

Aloha,  
I was at the meeting on Maui, but did not get a chance to speak.

The services provided by Akaku are just fine. The Non-Profit PEG has a very supportive and knowledgeable staff. Akaku offers opportunities for many other Non-profit organizations and educational programs that is beneficial to the community.

It seems obvious to me that the DCCA should request an exemption for all the NON-PROFIT PEGS throughout the state;

1. the Non-Profit PEGS should be grandfathered as they were formed before the State required an RFP
2. The money assigned to the non-profit PEGS is not from a State agency but from a private corporation that utilizes the public owned right of way to sell a service and make a profit. (cable run through the telephone poles)
3. Community support for the existing Non-Profit PEGS is undeniably in favor of the status quo.

Seeking an exemption should be the main focus for the DCCA in order to maintain public order. Requiring the current NON-PROFIT PEGS to submit an RFP could create civil unrest since that action could be perceived as an opportunity for a State sanctioned take-over by either a Private, for Profit, corporation, or a State Institution, (i.e. The University of Hawaii).

If the exemption status is turned down by the SPO, the RFP should be limited to NON-PROFIT organizations.

Thank you for your time,

Stephen Luksic

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February 24, 2006

State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA)  
Mr. Mark Recktenwald, Director  
P. O. Box 541, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809  
Sent Via Fax 808-586-2625 and email cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov

**Subject: Public Comments Regarding Request For Proposals (RFP) Process, Public Access Television.**

Aloha Mr. Recktenwald,

Please consider all our comments carefully. Mahalo! We are sending this testimony in hopes of thoughtfully resolving the current crisis and unanswered questions regarding Akaku Community Television.

**1) Current Service Provided By Akaku.** We think the current level of service is very good. We live in an isolated area, Hana, and appreciate Akaku for the wide variety of community presentations that otherwise would not be available. We are better informed for the programming.

Akaku has made outreach training in Hana available. There has been a sincere effort to involve our community.

**2) RFP Process.** First, we request a copy of the ruling made by the State Attorney General regarding the RFP process. Perhaps, you can send it via email. It is our understanding this ruling has triggered the current public hearing process.

Because the board of directors situation at Akaku has become so divided and politicized, we think a waiver of the RFP process is appropriate provided there are conditions attached that will insure the Public part of Public, Education and Government (PEG) is fairly represented on the Akaku Board.

It is very clear there is an organized effort to take over the Akaku Board by special interests. That needs to be avoided. The RFP process would enable the inappropriate, unwanted and possible illegal organized takeover.

**3) Akaku Board Members.** A reorganization of the requirements for board members should be considered as part of the solution. We suggest the board should be made up of representatives from non profit community organizations that represent the different parts of the island. For example, Hana Community Association, Haiku Community Association, Kihei Community Association, Kula

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Community Association and so forth. This would help to insure the Public part of PEG is represented fairly. There could be additional components to this idea.

4) **Collaboration.** There is a need for more collaboration between the PEG components. Here is a concrete example: Maui Community College (MCC) has a remote, interactive, classroom in Hana. Akaku has live broadcasts from the Maui County Building to Hana via cable. However, neither Hana residents or our Hana District Council Representative can participate in meetings live from Hana. This should be easily achievable not only for Hana, but Molokai and Lanai.

The County of Maui envisioned interactive live broadcasts from the Hana Council Services Office. This is only a hundred feet from the MCC classroom. Why can't MCC, Akaku and Government, the PEG components, collaborate to make this possible? Democracy would be better served if we could participate in our County and State Government without an enormous sacrifice of time and money.

5) **Money Issues.** The division of cable funds needs to be publicly explained and collaborated by a group of non partisan parties. We do not like what appears to be a political interpretation of this issue. What are the laws, without "political interpretation"? It would be unfair for Akaku to be undermined by what may be the unfair taking of Akaku's rightful funds. It is equally true for the other PEG components.

The same non partisan look needs to be taken regarding the purchase of the shopping center by Akaku. What is legal? Again, we do not think this should be subject to political interpretation. Has the DCCA previously taken a position on the purchase? What has been done with the income?

The issue of funds going to MCC has been raised. Please clear the air regarding the issue with a long-term accounting.

Finally, accusations have been made that the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is acting with a political agenda. We want the DCCA to act above board, without any appearance of impropriety or prejudice.

There needs to be unbiased accountability across the board.

Sincerely yours,

*Christel and John Blumer-Buell*



"Richard Mealey" <mauguy@mauigateway.com> on 02/24/2006 07:23:42 AM

Please respond to "Richard Mealey" <mauguy@tiki.net>

To: <cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov>

cc:

Subject: Akaku

Gentlemen:

I often watch Akaku and find it refreshing that there is a station available which is not controlled and manipulated to reflect some single entity's agenda. I hope you will NOT put the license out to bid and see that an exemption is requested from the bidding process for Akaku.

Cordially,

Richard Mealey

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Judy Starbuck <judystarbuck@yahoo.com> on 02/23/2006 11:42:31 AM

To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
cc:

Subject: Akaku

My name is Judy Starbuck, and I am writing to you as an individual to encourage you to pursue an exemption for Akaku in the RFP process.

Akaku has served the community well in it's hours, service, staffing and equipment.

Akaku has built strong partnerships through dedicated service and being accountable. These relationships have developed over many years, and would be lost if a new service provider took over.

Akaku is dedicated to "Empowering our community's voice through access to media".

I object to the selection of MCC for the DCCA Public Input meeting. A neutral location for the meeting, with adequate time for hearing the public input would be wise. A two hour meeting, during normal business hours is insufficient for the Maui community to share their thoughts with you.

In fact, if you desired the best information from the franchise fee payees, I suggest that you ask Oceanic Time Warner to include a questionnaire in their billing statements for several months.

As a franchise fee payer, I would like to see more of my money go directly to Akaku. Providing monies to PBS does not make sense to me. I also feel that the costs of producing and carrying out the RFP would be a waste of valuable resources, taking significant time for the DCCA and the current PEG service providers.

It's not broken, so don't fix it!

Please submit for an exemption to the RFP process.

Judy Starbuck  
PO Box 631  
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Judy

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"Richard Mealey" <mauiguy@mauigateway.com> on 02/23/2006 10:55:16 AM

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"GMO-FREE MAUI" <gmofreemaui@hawaii.rr.com> on 02/22/2006 01:08:54 PM

To: <cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov>  
cc:

Subject: Testimony re Akaku TV

February 22, 2006

To DCCA

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AKAKU MEETING February 15, 2006 ON MAUI**

My name is Eloise Engman and I **am opposed to any bidding process for the Akaku licensing and request exemption from the RFP process.** "Don't fix what is not broken."

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On top of this, after many people had taken off from work, we are informed by Clyde Sonobe, the administrator for CATV of the DCCA, that only written testimony will really count. Once again, disrespect for Maui Citizens.

The actions of the DCCA are deplorable in this particular incidence and showed callous insensitivity for our community.

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**Freedom of the airwaves and the truth it shows must not be sold to the highest bidder.**

Mahalo for your time.

Eloise Engman

PO Box679

Makawao, HI 96768



"Mele Stokesberry" <holamaui@earthlink.net> on 02/22/2006 01:33:04 PM

To: <cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov>  
cc:

Subject: testimoney about Akaku

This message is testimony in favor of Akaku remaining as it has been, with no license put out to bid and an exemption from the bidding process.

It's essential that Akaku remain as much an access for our community to televised communications as it is now, and as free of censorship. It is serving a vital need in Maui County - that of providing a critical outlet for free speech and a source of community-wide free education.

I do publicity for 4 community organizations. Maui Ki-Aikido, the Friends of Haleakala National Park, Maui Peace Action and the MCC Peace Club have received much help from Akaku's knowledgeable staff and had access to publicizing our events and programming out materials for informing the community about classes, upcoming events and most importantly, issues.

DON'T put the license out to bid, and make sure that an exemption is requested from the bidding process.

Mele Stokesberry

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Pukalani, HI 96788

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"William Prucha" <bprucha@earthlink.net> on 02/22/2006 01:25:25 PM

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To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov

cc:

Subject: AKAKU TV - DO NOT SEND LICENSE OUT FOR BID

**Aloha:**

**It is time to listen to the people, many more than were heard at the last meeting.**

**I am opposed to sending AKAKU 's license "out for a bid" ...**

**Let the people be heard!!!**

Bill Prucha

Haiku, Maui

808-575-2427

[bprucha@earthlink.net](mailto:bprucha@earthlink.net)



"suellen" <suellen@maui.net>@maui.net on 02/22/2006 02:58:34 PM

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Sent by: [suellen@maui.net](mailto:suellen@maui.net)

To: [cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov)

cc:

Subject: AKAKU TV



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February 22, 2006

To: DCCA

RE: AKAKU Public TV

To Whom It May Concern:

It makes me very sad to see how the DCCA has treated AKAKU and its board and staff. They have manipulated, lied, manhandled and used every insidious means they could think of to intimidate and misrepresent the people who have made AKAKU successful in the past. They have turned a deaf ear to those who object to their shenanigans and procedures and have failed to listen to the public's input – Isn't the DCCA supposed to represent the people?

I have enjoyed many programs broadcast by AKAKU that have been put together by regular Maui folk to be enjoyed by all and now, it would appear that there is a small group of influential individuals who seem to have found a way to "bully" their way into taking over the funding and leadership of AKAKU and, if that fails, to manipulate proceedings in the direction of replacing AKAKU. I for one have never heard anything but positive feedback about AKAKU's programming (and, by the way, I deal with the public on a daily basis)– I'm very confused as to who started this nasty takeover business in the first place and would sorely miss AKAKU

I strongly object to the idea of putting the license for Hawaii's public access TV out to bid – AKAKU has done a wonderful job for the community and after all is said and done, public access TV is for the People, not some made up group of power-hungry individuals – let the community have its say!! AKAKU is definitely a big part of many families here on Maui

If the Governor agrees to this totally unnecessary idea of replacing AKAKU, I can honestly say that I for one will no longer be able to support her or her administration in their future political endeavors.

I hope you're listening to EVERYONE on this issue

Mahalo  
Suellen Barton  
P.O. Box 122, Makawao, HI 96768



Lillian Mangum <mangum@hawaii.edu> on 02/22/2006 03:35:29 PM

To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov, Lillian Mangum <mangum@hawaii.edu>  
cc:

Subject: Public Comment Meeting on Maui regarding PEG Contracts

Mr. Sonobe and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, thank you for your time.

I've been a member of MauiCommunity College's Preserving Our Recollections committee since its inception in 1999 and an interviewer since 2001. Preserving Our Recollections is an oral history project where elders in our community share their life experiences of Maui. These interviews are videotaped and broadcast on channel 55.

At first, PEG access funding allocated by Akaku supported the taping of the interviews with staff, equipment and supplies. If you watch the earlier interviews, you'll see that there was far more editing, with photographs shot separately rather than the interviewer holding pictures up.

When the funding stopped in 2001, the future of Preserving Our Recollections was in jeopardy. Our committee discussed the very real possibility of ending the project. It continued because of Mike Albert, Media Center Coordinator and his staff, who have taken time from their busy schedules to produce these videos. Unfortunately, a consequence is that fewer interviews have been shot because only one or two Friday mornings a month is scheduled for our segments.

The other interviewers and I have all experienced many positive comments when we are out in the community. It's surprising to me how many people watch these interviews and appreciate the work we're doing. As a person born and raised on Maui, I'm interested in what Maui was like in the 20's, 30's, 40's and what life was like during our parents' and grandparent's time.

Also, I'm a member of a UH system wide distance education committee which meets once a month. I remember a meeting a couple of years ago where one of the representatives from a community college on Oahuspoke about having their cable courses supported by HENC. She explained that HENC and Olelo Television have worked out an agreement where PEG money is allocated among the community colleges on Oahuto support their televised distance educational programming. Without this funding many or most of the cable classes originating from these campuses would be impossible to produce. I remember feeling so envious and wishing that we at MCC could have the same kind of funding. The Oahucampuses have one island where most of their distance education students reside. We have three islands and serve students at three outreach sites—Molokai, Lanai, and Hana—in addition to our statewide distance education students. I strongly feel that we are shortchanging our distance education students and our community because of the lack of resources to provide educational programming.

I'm in favor of going through a competitive bidding process if it results in the PEG access funding being restored to both the DOE and MCC.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this matter.

HENC – Hawaii Educational Network Consortium

Lillian Mangum  
Distance Education Librarian  
Maui Community College  
310 Kaahumanu Avenue  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732  
808-984-3584  
fax: 808-244-9644





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Subject: 5pam: Akaku on Maui

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Dear DCCA,

Please allow Akaku here on Maui to continue as it is. It is doing a great job.

Mahalo,

Bob Babson  
3371 Keha Drive  
Kihei, HI 96753  
874-1166



"Noel, Valerie & Tyler email" <chingjohn001@hawaii.rr.com> on 02/22/2006  
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To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
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Subject: SUPPORT FOR AKAKU: MAUI COM. T.V.

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ALOHA!

ALLOW ME TO GO ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF AKAKU: MAUI COMMUNITY TELEVISION, AND IT'S CURRENT MANAGEMENT, PROGRAMS AND OPERATION. I WAS INVOLVED WITH BUILDING AKAKU. I WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE OF AKAKU AND THE FIRST GOVERNMENT ACCESS PRODUCER. I WORKED TO IMPLEMENT BOTH PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION IN MAUI COUNTY; BOTH IN POLICY AND PRODUCING PROGRAMMING. IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK, WITH LONG HOURS AND MUCH DEDICATION TO GET IT UP AND RUNNING. NOW, YEARS LATER, I CAN SAY THAT I AM PROUD OF HOW AKAKU HAS GROWN IN ALL AREAS. OPENING PEG ACCESS TO BIDDING WILL ONLY SERVE TO SET BACK THE OPERATION OF A WELL FUNCTIONING STATION. NO ONE THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER THE OPERATION COULD MATCH THE LONG HOURS AT LOW PAY, OR THE EFFICIENT LEVEL OF PRODUCTION.

ANYONE THAT UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS INVOLVED IN RUNNING A TELEVISION STATION, ESPECIALLY ONE AS DIVERSE AS AKAKU WILL TELL YOU THE SAME TRUTH: IT DOESN'T GET BETTER THEN THIS.

IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE AND A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MAUI COUNTY TO UPSET THE CURRENT OPERATION AND LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE AT AKAKU: MAUI COMMUNITY TELEVISION.

IT COULD CERTAINLY BE RUN BY ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, BUT IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER IT COULD BE RUN AS WELL AS IT IS NOW.

PLEASE DO WHAT THE DCCA IS SUPPOSED TO DO: PROTECT THIS AGENCY: EXEMPT AKAKU AND PEG ACCESS FROM THE BIDDING PROCESS AND PROCUREMENT LAW.

MAHALO,  
NOEL ( CHIVO ) CHING-JOHNSON  
VIDEO IMAGES MAUI



joy gorman <joy\_gorman888@yahoo.com> on 02/22/2006 06:35:06 PM

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Subject: Akaku's future

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February 22, 2006

**To DCCA  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON AKAKU MEETING ON MAUI**

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Freedom of the airwaves and the truth it shows cannot be sold to the highest bidder. It's earned by performance, and Akaku has done just that thru its lifetime.

Mahalo nui loa,

Joy Gorman  
92 Ala Apapa Pl  
Pukalani, Hi 96768

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February 22, 2006

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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- AKAKU MEETING 2/15/06

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Feb. 22, 2006

I am against the idea of putting the Akaku license up for bidding. There needs to be an exception from the RFP process.

We are currently experiencing a time of a grave political intrusion in to the realm of independent balanced journalism, nationwide. This is not the time to start such major changes in our community access. There has already been bullying from moneyed special interests and our own "College" which already had the questionable foresight to use millions on a MediaBuilding, while hardly making a dent in the actual availability of hands on access to innovative media technology.

Maui is already short on inspiring creativity, cut Akaku's throat and more people will detach from the community. Like the previous meeting, where the majority of those who wished to give public testimony were denied that right, due to another bit of shady maneuvering, this move will simply add to the drop out rate of our citizenry. Small bureaucrats and developers will think they won, but we will all lose, as Maui's community becomes even more apathetic.

Steve Slater

P.O. Box 790913

Paia, HI 96779



Zoe Miner <zoeminer@yahoo.com> on 02/22/2006 08:12:00 PM

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To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
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Subject: AKAKU testimony

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To DCCA:

I am very concerned that our only voice for free speech here on Maui is in jeopardy

Over the years, I and my friends and family have personally benefitted from the excellent programming offered by Akaku and would be very upset if anything were to hinder their ability to continue doing exactly what they have been doing since their inception.

**PLEASE LET AKAKU CONTINUE TO SERVE THE MAUI COMMUNITY WITHOUT GIVING UP ANY AUTONOMY OR FUNDING.**

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony,

Zoe Miner  
1140 Nanihoku Place  
Haiku, HI 96708

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Jason Schwartz <mamamaui@mac.com> on 02/22/2006 11:23:51 PM

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Subject: Akaku has been an invaluable part of my community work

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I have done more than 500 television shows. Akaku has  
behttp://RetireYoungerAndRicher.comn a breeding ground for fresh ideas and  
public involvement. The staff is always very helpful and follows thru with no  
problems. I think the board has been the problem. I also think there should  
be NO paid advertising on Akaku. It will defeat its chartered purpose and will  
lose its impartiality and openness.

thank you

Jason Schwartz  
http://DreamMaui.com  
808-874-5900 fax 442-0092  
Jason Schwartz, 120 Hana Hwy. # 9, PMB 208, Paia, HI 96779





"Sean Lester" <seanlester@ieee.org> on 02/21/2006 02:56:32 PM

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cc: "Senator English" <senenglish@Capitol.hawaii.gov>, <sentsutsui@Capitol.hawaii.gov>, "Rep Mele Carroll" <repcarroll@Capitol.hawaii.gov>, "JoAnne Johnson County" <Jo\_anne.johnson@co.maui.hi.us>, "Danny Mateo" <danny.mateo@co.maui.hi.us>, <michelle.anderson@co.maui.hi.us>

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Subject: Testimony for DCCA re: Maui Meeting Feb 15, 2006

February 21, 2006

To DCCA

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AKAKU MEETING February 15, 2006 ON MAUI**

My name is Sean Lester and **I am opposed to any bidding process for the Akaku licensing and request exemption from the RFP process.** 'Don't fix what ain't broke', as they say.

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Anyone, for profit or non-profit, can be manipulated to decrease the efficacy of our public access channels. You cannot guarantee quality would be the same. You have a very good chance of losing the volunteers that have made this station as great as it is and the access honesty.

Freedom of the airwaves and the truth it shows cannot be sold to the highest bidder. It's earned by performance, and Akaku has done just that thru its lifetime.

Thank you for your time

Sean Lester

PO Box880520

Pukalani, Hi 96788



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To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
cc:

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Subject: Please Keep Akaku in Operation

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I am writing to urge you to maintain Akakau as our community public television provider. They have done a wonderful job in training community members and making facilities available for the average citizen to be able to make tv programs. They have also consistently televised programs of interest and concern to the Maui community.

I urge you to keep Akaku as our public access provider and to seek whatever exemptions are necessary from the state to keep it in business.

Yours truly,

Bonnie McFadden



"Kathy" <hohani2@msn.com> on 02/21/2006 05:58:30 PM

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To DCCA

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AKAKU MEETING February 15, 2006 ON MAUI**

We are current Mauiresidents and we **are opposed to any bidding process for the Akaku licensing and request exemption from the RFP process.**

Akaku is vital for unedited information for our citizens. Akaku allows uncensored broadcasting to occur, which is extremely crucial to our 4 island county. Akaku cannot be bought off by mainland money, and this is important.

We are also very interested why you would pick a room at MCC for the meeting, since MCC is one of the aggrieved parties in this action. It would seem more appropriate to pick a neutral place. Over 100 people showed up at the meeting, 70 were signed up to testify – and only 24 were allowed to do so. MCC authorities stated a class was waiting to come in after 2 hours. We were also informed by other participants that the State building has several empty rooms on the same night that could have been used for the meeting and that it would not have had to be cut off. This should not be acceptable.

**Written testimony regarding Akaku**

**The hours of access are quite satisfactory, and the staff and volunteers are doing an exemplary job. ALL cable monies should go thru Akaku – as it has been in the past.**

**More money, not less, is needed to insure the quality of Akaku is kept going.**

**No RFP can ever, ever replace what is in place now. Akaku is at the heart of Maui's soul – don't give it away.**

**Akaku has shown through past experience that it cannot be manipulated. It has provided uncensored programming to Maui for years, and it should be allowed to continue generating such programs. The people of Maui should be making this decision, and it has been abundantly clear that the people of Maui support Akaku. You cannot guarantee quality would be the same with another entity. You have a very good chance of losing the volunteers that have made this station as great as it is and have kept the programming honest.**

**Akaku does not back down to the big money corporations, and it's time to reward them for this – not replace them. Akaku has a wonderful record – exempt them from the bidding process – listen to the people of Maui. This is our voice.**

Thank you for your time

Kathy McDuff

Richard Lucas

Michael Lucas

P.O. Box 1043

Ha'iku HI 96708



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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Subject: Akaku

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Dear DCCA,

In regards to our wonderful local television station, Akaku, we think they are doing a great job. They have an incredible staff and produce excellent programming. It represents the best of what community television is all about.

Please DO NOT put the license out to bid – and insure an exemption is requested from the bidding process.

We question the timing and the actual need for any bid, as it is an interpreted meaning of the law.

Please, please, please request an exemption.

Sincerely- Steve and Patricia Jones Blessman Kihei

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Subject: 5pam: Get a new Board of directors PLEASE

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Aloha

Please

start fresh with a new board of directors with real filmmakers who are pono.

**Kenneth K. Martinez Burgmaier**

**Jazz Alley TV**

**Maui Reflection Films**

**MauiFEST Hawai'i**

**PO Box 336**

**Makawao, Maui, HI 96768**

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Subject: 5pam:Testimony Supporting RFP Exemption for Akaku

**TO: DCCA**

**FROM: Maile Luuwai**  
**666 Pili Loko Street**  
**Paia, HI96779**

**RE: Public Comment on Feb. 15, 2006 Akaku Meeting**

**I am requesting that DCCA exempt Akaku from the RFP process. Although I support a portion of PEG access proceeds being allocated to MauiCommunity College, I am adamantly opposed to subjecting public access television, here on Maui, to the RFP process. Akaku and its wonderful staff and volunteers have been doing an excellent job for Mauicounty. Akaku has excelled in providing a broad based point of view on a variety of issues important to the Mauicommunity. I personally have been able to reach a larger audience and provide information on the impacts of large scale development on Hawaiian archeological and cultural resources via Akaku. Akaku provides a forum for many community based organizations. Akaku is a wonderful example of true public access. To dismantle an organization that has a proven track record and significant community support would be detrimental to the people of Maui. Please exempt Akaku from the RFP process.**



**Sandy N Agena**  
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Aloha Honorable Governor Lingle. Dear Linda,  
Please help Maui nei. Something's fishy here re AKAKU and the DOE and DCCA and unfortunately your name got dragged into it because the public Maui meeting on PEG was arranged by George Kaya. The DOE is under high suspicion by the community and if you can see the Akaku broadcast of the 2/15 testimony you will hear valid concerns of caring residents of Maui nei. Below is what I so boldly (not like me) sent to Clyde Sonobe. This whole thing makes my heart hurt. Thanks for listening!

Subj: AKAKU PEG and Cable  
Date: 2/20/06 1:24:36 PM Hawaiian Standard Time  
From: Mcknkats  
To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov

I see your mission statement is upholding fairness in the marketplace.  
1. DCCA should not have the final say in Board nomination appointments/confirmations.

2. DCCA should not be in bed with the DOE or private interests.
3. The DOE kept AKAKU from being able to be responsible per its fiduciary responsibility.
4. Everett Dowling is against free speech.

I believe that this whole debacle came about because the DCCA didn't know what to do about AKAKU board behaviors. I believe the mediation has solved this temporarily and that Miles and Sharon should be removed as well as Jencks, Tokunaga.

I believe that the RFP clarification was only done as a back door means to reset the registry of Maui PEG. I don't know if that qualifies as fairness or not but it doesn't look like honesty. The only good tv we can get has been provided by AKAKU. I will turn off my cable if they are removed.

Maui citizen, 21 years



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Subject: Contact Governor

Dear Honorable Governor Lingle:  
I refuse to support you for re-election unless you protect Akaku channel in Maui. This is an extremely divisive and big issue in Maui. A majority of the community supports Akaku. You depend on the community for support. I add caution that this is an election year. The proposal by the DCCA to strip and take over Akaku is inappropriate and unethical. I consider it an assault on our fundamental rights as citizens of this community. As a professor at Maui Community College and a lifelong learner I depend on Akaku for the valuable news and information it has to offer.  
Mahalos, Ann Pitcaithley

THE FINAL STATE TAKEOVER ATTEMPT OF AKAKU APPEARS LIKELY SOMETIME BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY THIS YEAR, says Akaku Chairman Jay April. Akaku Chairman Jay April announced that the attempted State takeover of AKAKU began ON JANUARY 25th WHEN THE DCCA IN A LETTER SAID THAT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT THE DCCA WILL WITHHOLD MORE THAN 83% OF THE ANNUAL MONEY PROMISED TO AKAKU. NOW AKAKU IS TO RECEIVE ONLY \$136,178 OF THE \$813,000 OF CABLE FRANCHISE FEES THAT AKAKU WAS DUE TO RECEIVE ON JANUARY 31st.

THE STATE IS ALSO MOVING QUICKLY TO TAKE OVER EVERY OTHER PUBLIC ACCESS TV STATION IN HAWAII. Akaku Chairman Jay April says that ON JANUARY 25th THE STATE THROUGH THE DCCA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD WITHHOLD 50% OF THE ANNUAL MONEY PROMISED TO EVERY OTHER PUBLIC ACCESS TV STATION IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. The DCCA is the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. DCCA SAYS "REQUESTS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS" (called "RFPs") WILL BE SENT OUT BY JULY FOR EVERY PUBLIC ACCESS TV STATION IN HAWAII seeking new people and entities to operate and be members of the Board of Directors of each Public Access TV Station in Hawaii. The dangerous implication of this is the THREATENED TAKE-OVER BY LAND DEVELOPERS OF EVERY PUBLIC ACCESS TV STATION IN THE STATE. This would obviously substantially cut off the free flow of information by the Public Access TV Stations that is so welcomed on Maui and the other islands.

There is obvious, substantial concern about whether it is even legal for the State to do this.

GOVERNOR LINGLE IS OBVIOUSLY BEHIND THESE GIGANTIC MOVES. THESE HIGH IMPACT DECISIONS CANNOT BE MADE WITHOUT HER APPROVAL. The highly questionable DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald announced the startling arbitrary, state cutbacks in Public Access TV Stations' funding -- but allegedly only with Lingle's tacit approval behind him. It is well known that one of Governor Lingle's favorite land developers is EVERETT DOWLING. Mr. Dowling and MCC Chancellor CLYDE SAKAMOTO are long known as the alleged kingpins in the hostile takeover of Akaku.

Out of the \$813,000 in Cable Franchise Fee money that Akaku was scheduled to receive on January 31st, the DCCA announced on January 25th that the following would happen: Akaku would receive 16.75% of the \$813,000 which is \$136,178; MCC (Maui Community College) and DOE (State Department of Education) would receive a total of 8.25% of the \$813,000 which is \$67,072; and the cable franchise company, itself, Oceanic / Time Warner Cable would receive a total of 25% of the \$813,000 which is \$203,250. The DCCA will advise Oceanic / Time Warner Cable in March 2006 on what is to be done with that \$203,250 of money. This is all totally ridiculous and possibly in violation of law.

AKAKU ON MARCH 1st TO BEGIN BROADCASTING NIGHTLY TV PROGRAMS ABOUT "WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING TO AKAKU?"

A highly authoritative Akaku official said starting March 1st the programs will be broadcast prime time evening every night on TWO Akaku Channels 52 and 54. The Akaku official added that the the nightly TV programs would clearly show and explain the terrible truth of what is happening to Akaku and the horrible attempt by land developers and MCC to do a hostile takeover of Akaku.

The Akaku official anticipates that seeing these TV programs will galvanize the Maui community to even more strongly unify behind Akaku and to demand and force the Governor and state and county officials to back down and leave the proud, great little TV station alone. A very heavy price may be paid by those trying to destroy Akaku. AKAKU is Maui's television station. Preserve it, treasure it, and Leave it alone.



ON JANUARY 31st AKAKU BEGAN "MEDIATION" WITH A DETRIMENTAL FACTION OF THE  
AKAKU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This non-binding arbitration proceeding will hopefully bring together a solution that will unify, protect, and preserve the true spirit and great programming of Akaku and the freedom of speech and preservation of the Maui community that comes with it. But this may be greatly over-optimistic. The two rival factions of the Akaku Board of Directors have rarely agreed to anything over the past year. Still, it can be hoped that reason will prevail. The good thing about the "Mediation" is that Akaku Chairman Jay April and sympathetic members of the Board of Directors can walk away from any proposal they feel will hurt Akaku. It is notable that the Judge for the Mediation is well regarded in the San Francisco area for his fairness in such dealings. A great windsurfing enthusiast, he has come to Maui to direct the Mediation proceedings and is doing so at a substantially reduced salary as a donation on his part in an effort to help positively correct and resolve the Akaku morass. Let's wish good fortune to the Judge and the Akaku Mediation participants.

AKAKU NEEDS DONATIONS FAST TO ITS  
"AKAKU LEGAL DEFENSE FUND"

Land developer EVERETT DOWLING and his cronies allegedly continue to bankroll substantial, expensive legal assaults on Akaku in every way possible.

They even got the First Hawaiian Bank to freeze Akaku's bank accounts.

How can a great but little Maui Television Station be expected to operate well with all that huge, sustained pressure upon it? Please Give us a break -- and donate. Akaku has finite financial resources and needs your help FAST, please. Please donate. This is serious, folks. If you want Akaku to stick around and continue to provide you with quality community television, then please roll up your sleeves and write a check.

Make the check payable to "AKAKU LEGAL DEFENSE FUND."

Send the check to:  
AKAKU TV Station  
c/o Jay April  
333 Dairy Road  
Unit 104-A  
Kahului, HI 96732

Mahalo for your kindness and help.

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<b>Re:</b> Akaku: Maui Community Television	<b>Date:</b> February 21, 2006
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--Marcia Godinez

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Respectfully,

Marcia Godinez



Patricia Adams <adamspat@hawaii.edu> on 02/18/2006 02:44:15 PM

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Subject: Testimony at MCC Public Meeting

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The following is the approximate testimony that I gave orally at the public meeting held at Maui Community College on Wednesday, February 15, 2006:

My name is Patricia Adams. I am the department chair for Career and Technical Education, and I teach English classes here at Maui Community College. Welcome to MCC. Thank you for coming and allowing us to testify.

I would like to tell you what access to education over TV means to our students and our community. We offer a wide range of TV courses and programs day and night for all of our AA students at MCC. Through the University of Hawaii Center Maui, we also offer baccalaureate and graduate degree programs from the University of Hawaii campuses at Manoa, West Oahu, and Hilo.

Each semester, in addition to working full time and taking care of their families, between 250 and 300 students attend these evening classes at the UH Center. Some are single parents; many are the first in their families to be able to attend college. All are grateful for the opportunity to fulfill their lifetime educational goals and to build better lives for their families without leaving their homes and jobs on Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. If you want a real chicken skin experience, just attend a graduation on Molokai and see what it means to those families to have this opportunity for their children.

Also, we are not only educating students who are taking the classes for credit, but we are also educating the community. I know this because when I teach over TV and I go to the Post Office or Safeway or Long's, people often comment and ask me questions and tell me how much they learn by watching our classes.

It takes resources to equip, maintain, operate, and upgrade MCC's TV Education Channel--resources that for MCC are in such short supply that we have to turn down some programs that our students need. We need to be able to continue and to expand the college's distance education capabilities--and continue to make a difference in the lives of so many deserving people in Maui County.

I'd like to tell you about one of these people, a young lady who came to MCC eight years ago when we offered a weekend college for working adults who had never had the opportunity to attend college. She was a struggling single mother working at a minimum wage job and receiving assistance. Her self-esteem was very low. I was her English teacher. After a few classes, she came to me and said that she just didn't think

that she was smart enough to succeed in college. After talking with her about her situation, I told her that she had no choice. She had to stay and earn a degree, if not for herself, for her two young sons. And then I told her what I tell all my self-doubting students: if she stopped attending classes, I would call her every morning at 2 a.m. to remind her to come to school and I would be sitting in front of her door when she left for work every day until she returned to school.

After we talked about how she could succeed, she stayed. She went on to earn an AA--and a promotion at work. Then through the University Center, she earned a BA--and a new job in the area of her studies. Then she earned a master's--and a promotion. Eight years after I first met her in my English class, I was serving as the Acting Director of the UH Center, and I had the pleasure and honor of officiating at the graduation when this lovely, confident lady received her master's degree. What a happy occasion for both of us! Because of her education, she has a wonderful job where she is helping other people--and encouraging them to attend college. She is proud to be able to send both of her sons to college.

This is what we at MCC are all about--educating people and making a difference in their lives. We want to be able to continue doing this. Thank you.

P.S. (This is not part of my testimony) I want to commend DCCA Deputy Director Clyde Sonobe for his patience and good humor throughout a trying evening. He is truly a saint! Sincerely, Patricia Adams



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**Dear DCCA Director, Mark Recktenwald:**

I understand that the budget for Akaku has been stripped and that they are at risk for losing the current valuable programming that they have maintained. Viewers and supporters of Akaku are many, these are people who understand that the right to free speech is a fundamental one. This community, made of hard working tax payers are entitled to this service. It is not for sale. As a college professor at MCC, and a lifelong learner, I appreciate the educational programs and access to local, federal and global issues that other media services censor. I became skeptical over hearing one of your staff members on the phone who remarked that a new system would not affect the quality.

Mahalos, Ann Pitcaithley



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Subject: Protect Our Media Freedoms...

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Aloha to all concerned,  
AKAKU is and has been a VITAL component to our community's FREEDOM OF SPEECH. The services provided have been HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL and NECESSARY in the process of keeping the "doors open" in an otherwise "locked down" world of commercial television. WE NEED AKAKU! Akaku is a must for Maui County. If we loose it, we all loose BIG TIME. Supporting Akaku is the BEST DECISION the DCCA can make for Maui County residents. Akaku needs to get back to focus. To be FUNDED FULLY in efforts to grow to even higher heights. Do not destroy this WELL DESERVING ORGANIZATION and it's wide range of necessary services. To do so would be a great injustice to all Maui County residents. WE NEED MORE NOT LESS SUPPORT FOR AKAKU. WE NEED AKAKU!!!

I am a long time resident of Maui over 20 years. I have taken classes at and used Akaku facility often. I have also taken media classes at MCC. I worked in the media department at both Akaku and MCC. In comparison. Akaku offered a lot more with a lot less ( funding ). MCC has so much state of the art equipment that has yet to be fully implemented, whereas Akaku uses every resource to it's fullest. The resources at MCC are out of touch unless you can afford high tuition fees. At Akaku anyone, any age can access the technology for a reasonable cost. Our world is technical. Our kids need access. Akaku is a major link for Maui County. Mahalo for your time and concern.  
Gina Enzweiler

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I see your mission statement is upholding fairness in the marketplace.

1. DCCA should not have the final say in Board nomination appointments/confirmations.
2. DCCA should not be in bed with the DOE or private interests.
3. The DOE kept AKAKU from being able to be responsible per its fiduciary responsibility.
4. Everett Dowling is against free speech.

I believe that this whole debacle came about because the DCCA didn't know what to do about AKAKU board behaviors. I believe the mediation has solved this temporarily and that Miles and Sharon should be removed as well as Jencks, Tokunaga.

I believe that the RFP clarification was only done as a back door means to reset the registry of Maui PEG. I don't know if that qualifies as fairness or not but it doesn't look like honesty. The only good tv we can get has been provided by AKAKU. I will turn off my cable if they are removed.

Maui citizen, 21 years



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**Subject: Akaku Board and Political appointments**

Aloha Mr. Ricktenwald:

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Just today I have read that the board at Akaku has come to an arbitration decision to make certain changes in funding and board membership. I am encouraged that an agreement has been reached but I still have concerns and they are as follows. Please bear with me and my rambling letter.

There is so much RE development money flowing into Maui County it boggles the mind and now it appears to be muddying the river of public access, (paid for with our cable dollars)..that is Akaku. Anytime we read that Everett Dowling , a developer, is involved in a decision process.... like who goes onto the Akaku board of directors via new legislation or funding decisions (House bill 784)....skepticism surfaces. I remember that Mr. Dowling resigned from the Board of UH because of conflict of interest issues because he sold his land in Kula to a university entity. We have an empty shopping center here in Kula that no one wanted. It has remained empty and unbuilt for years. Why? Mr. Dowling has proposed a very large development (millions upon millions of dollars) requiring rezoning in the MacKenna area of Maui. There have been public demonstrations against this project. Akaku has reported on this project through it's coverage of Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Dowling does what developers do...they develop...but at what cost to the community and when and where must have planning attached to it.

When I read that our former Mayor Apana has his right hand man Mr. Inokuma put on the board of Akaku, doubts bubble up. Our recent Mayor Apana was the guy who said he was using private monies to buy computers for schools and then proceeded to use public funds to cover the bill. He is also the same Mayor who left us with a cost of Millions of dollars for Lime Kiln Beach house and more junk cars than we know what to do with by overlooking an illegal junkyard run by a relative? Hummmmm? (you can Google any of these references) Should I place my faith in a free and open media on these two fellows and a state legislature that works in the dark? The sunshine loving citizens of Maui county who work at Akaku and use their facilities have nothing but good to say about Akaku....albeit one fellow....one out of hundreds who work there. I wish I knew MCC's Mr. Sakomoto reputation better...he is my neighbor here in Kula just two houses up the hill... but we have never met. I have met his wife as she sells real estate here on Maui and has held open houses in our neighborhood...a very charming lady. But that is beside the point. What I want to make clear is that I depend on Akaku to bring me the news of who is doing what in Maui County, how our various agencies and boards function and I make my voting decisions on what I hear and see. I believe the more we know about decisions being made in regard to our island home the better off we will be. Information is power. Akaku is information.

To me, this whole Akaku Board changeup begins to smell of the dirty waters polluted by political special interest influence (PAC Money and K-Street Mall) and NOT the transparent waters that Maui citizens like to row

and toe into.....we do require SUNSHINE here in Maui County not like our state legislature , I'm afraid, who choose to meet in the dark. Another issue I have flashes red. I can't help but feel that the money to **education issue feels like a dead red fish**..... a red herring....a fish I'm afraid is too popular with lobbying cronies (read Apana). We continue to swallow status quo and test scores keep declining... accountability and better management (local) are being proposed. Lousy schools hold us all at ransom for better jobs, better doctors (they move away because of the bad schools) and even better government! The call for increased funding has not fixed our schools even at the national level.... I have come to believe accountability and caring parents with power to choose will. Will the roadblocks at the state that affect education also affect free speech at Akaku... yes, if you accept that political influence is possible.

Now at the state attorneys general's insistence your agency, the DCCA is considering a bidding process to hand over public funds to the yet another entity unknown and unproven? How might that process go? Has anyone lined up to apply? MCC? Why is the attorney general asking for this process when he has not in the past and no other state has such a process? Who asked his office to look into why Akaku funding should be put out to bid..Time-Warner? Where are the funds that have been held back from Akaku? **How do we get an exemption from this process**...at what cost? It feels like we the citizens of Maui are at the table again begging for scraps from Oahu. Speaking of scraps, how about that fellow who got 400 mil in public funds to run cable up Haleakala Highway for Hawaiian Homelands here and elsewhere. How was that possible? I'll bet the Hawaiians would have preferred that money be used another way. Did anybody ever ask them? From Oahu we get a redundant cable system reeking of cronyism....more scraps for the Hawaiians and public dollars into private special interest pockets. Do I have this wrong? Please correct me if I do.

On a sunny Maui day I envision renewed popular support for Akaku , sans political appointees, as they appear to have our independent best interests at heart and are dedicated to what they do. I fear the dark murky waters flowing around this issue are hiding something powerful and will strangle the school of diversity democracy is all about..All this disruption to Akaku appears to be **yet another attempt to take public funds and apply them to very narrow private interests**...like private cable systems...and Super Ferries for that matter. I prefer Akaku as it was ...fully funded before political appointees began their attempt to weaken the board and divert funding and threaten the flow of media to the public. Please know that as a voting citizen of Maui County **I want you to keep information flowing by keeping Akaku strong**. I look forward to your response to my questions. Aloha, Annette Wagner, Kula

cc, Maui County Council, Governor Lingle and Mayor Arakawa

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

2-16-06

Aloha, my name is Joseph C.E. Abella and I am writing this letter in regards to supporting Akaku TV. I strongly believe that Akaku should be continued to operate because it provides a way to show the public many different insights. From political views to entertainment and education, Akaku offers so much to our community. In the past year there has been controversy where a certain developer wanted to censor Akaku TV. From my understanding they wanted to eventually illuminate tv programs which brought the attention of over development in Maui County. Why would they want to do that? Maybe its because one of the key things about Akaku is to let people voice their opinions about political issues. And in this case those issues were about development, and by having Akaku, it was posing a threat to them, since they couldn't control what can, and CAN'T be said. So, If you allow Akaku TV to be shut down, you are eliminating the right of free speech. Not everyone has the money to voice their opinion on a whole page of The Maui News. That costs money. But anyone can voice their opinion on Akaku for free.

Mahalo,  
Joseph C.E. Abella

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State Cable TV Administrator and DCCA staff -

In case you have any problem receiving these public comments for Hawaii Consumers, SPO and others have been copied so they can help.

Thanks!  
- Sean

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DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald and Cable Advisory Committee members (fyi PEG providers, SPO, OIP, et al.) -

Here attached are the comments I had hoped to present at the DCCA's public comment meeting that was conducted at Maui Community College on Wednesday February 15, 2006. Unfortunately, due to unprofessional administration by DCCA, a large majority of those public attendees who requested to make comments were not allowed any opportunity to speak. After traveling to Maui, arriving early for the meeting and staying for

the entire duration, I was one of those more than forty attendees who was not allowed to speak.

Please consider DCCA's faulty process along with the attached comments in your deliberations regarding the most appropriate public oversight for the free speech services provided through community access media.

Sincerely,

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Public Statement of Hawaii Consumers  
Presented by Sean McLaughlin  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs public hearing  
Maui Community College, Kahului, Maui  
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Thanks for the opportunity to testify at this open public meeting. Truly, openness and transparency are essential for the State and your agents to honestly govern local media resources in the public interest.

Please note that formal objections were earlier raised to this hearing location due to the controversy surrounding MCC. As you know, special private interests are supporting MCC's false and misleading entitlement claims on cable franchise resources to the detriment of the State's designated PEG access provider and local community voices of Maui Nui. Many individuals have shared their feeling of discomfort here at MCC, where access to media is highly discriminatory.

The lack of scheduled hearings on the island of Lana'i is a further indication that these proceedings are rushed and ill considered. In future, we request that such hearings be held on every island with cable service and in remote underserved communities such as Ka'u, Hana and

Lahaina.

#### PEG Services for Maui and Kalawao Counties

Maui Nui is well served by the accomplishments of Akaku over the past decade. Akaku is known around the world as a leading and visionary organization - always true to the mission and fully accountable to the people they empower. Congratulations to the amazing staff and the dedicated volunteers who make the vision real and give all of our communities a voice.

Akaku provides local cable TV channels, a radio station (KAKU 88.5FM) and online media outlets (akaku.org) along with digital media production and post-production facilities and training - available to everyone without discrimination.

But clearly Akaku is greater than the sum of its parts. By empowering the community's voice, Akaku engages people and builds community involvement - with free speech and expression, lifelong teaching and learning, and direct citizen participation in local self-governance.

Akaku provides a civic network connecting neighbors with neighbors, effectively building diverse communities of common and uncommon interests.

#### Issues to Consider for an RFP Process

If Akaku, or any community media provider, is allowed to be run in a closed, private and exclusive manner - like the chamber of commerce or a country club - then the potential for favoritism and corruption will be unchecked. The powerful temptation to use the community's media to support special friends, to benefit political supporters, and to trade favors for personal gain is just too great.

From personal experience I know that community media is often asked to do special favors for powerful people, including covering a

friend's  
retirement, commercial business activity, political event or  
other  
occasion. While it's hard to say "no" and some individuals may  
remain  
bitter that their requests are denied, it is essential that no  
favoritism is granted for private and special interests.

Some private interests demand special consideration with  
threatened  
lawsuits, but ethical management of community media must not bow  
to  
their selfish demands.

Secret closed deliberations among board officers, in violation of  
adopted bylaws and sunshine rules, must not be allowed.

The allocation of community media resources must be made in the  
light of  
day for all the community to see - thus ensuring honesty,  
diversity and  
non-discrimination.

Designated PEG access providers are managing public money and  
priceless  
assets that rightfully belong to the entire community. From  
examples of  
socialized media in totalitarian regimes we know that State  
agencies and  
institutions should not be allowed to control community access to  
media  
☒ that would be the end of Free Speech and a model for failure.

Of even greater concern - and this is the root of the present  
crisis  
here - Akaku was called upon to silence voices that challenge or  
disagree with special private interests. Beginning last year  
Akaku was  
assaulted with stealth legislative maneuvers and threatened  
litigation  
because the organization refused to censor community voices. The  
free  
speech mission is ☒empowering our community's voice☒ without  
discrimination.

State cable regulators and their appointed agents must not seek  
to curry  
favor or personal benefits by offering privilege to special  
private  
interests - least of all when asked to censor or silence the  
voices of  
our community.



Community access providers of PEG media services must not be afraid of free speech and must not be intimidated by powerful interests that seek to control and direct our community's voice.

Please be ever vigilant and always remain aware that there are special private interests who profit from controlling media and building imbalance.

Building im-balance in darkness and out of public view these interests can fatally corrupt the oversight of community access media, divert community resources to State control, undermine guiding principles of free speech, and taint the basic operations of free media access.

DCCA must increase the public accountability of cable regulation first, and then hold their agents accountable. Questions regarding unethical and incompetent State regulation of Time Warner must be answered. The DCCA has a duty and a responsibility to provide fully transparent accounting for cable operator regulation and for all the channels, facilities, network connections, operations and funding derived from State cable franchises and related activities.

All the public resources that derive from State regulation of Time Warner should be subject to similar oversight, including priceless Institutional Network assets and the cable franchise funds that the DCCA currently diverts to State education institutions and to PBS Hawaii.

Keep in mind that cable franchise funding directed by DCCA to either the Hawaii Education Network Consortium or to PBS Hawaii (both Honolulu-based) is far greater than the total cable franchise fees provided for PEG operations throughout Maui Nui.

Although it may not be sufficient to ensure balance, operating in the Sunshine with open meetings and records is clearly necessary to ensure that Akaku continues to serve the highest vision for Maui Nui,

with  
non-discriminatory open access to local media for all the people.

State regulators and their agents who run cable access have a  
solemn  
duty to uphold the basic American principles of liberty and  
justice for  
all. This is true not only when their personal interests are  
served, but  
even more so when they are called upon to sacrifice personal  
interests  
for the founding principles of a free society and the greater  
good of  
Hawai'i Nui.

Thank you for being here in the sunshine to consider these  
thoughts.

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Hawaii's accredited education providers conveyed our unified view on Educational Access as part of the DCCA's PEG Access Plan hearings held during the Fall of 2003. Our comments on the current DCCA RFP process echo our shared position as expressed at that time.

Educational institutions on all islands have played fundamental roles in the development of access programming throughout the State. Since 1999, the University of Hawaii (UH), the Hawaii Department of Education (HDOE) and Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) have worked together to build and leverage the Educational ("E") aspect of Public, Education and Government (PEG) services provided for the people of all islands. These three organizations encompass all public and private education in the State of Hawaii.

Accredited education proudly points to our successes in serving the community through cable television. On Maui alone the MCC and Maui DOE have provided more than hours of educational programming on the two cable channels available to us. This includes a diversity of programming ranging from credit courses for students to teacher education to consumer education for seniors to informational programming for the community. And all this programming is made available to all islands using Education's interisland transmission systems.

The partners in accredited education throughout the State ask that DCCA take this opportunity to ensure a continued setaside of channel capacity for educational access and a continued setaside of financial resources to support the provision of educational services to our citizenry on all islands.

Through years of difficult and painful experience we know the tensions that can be unleashed as passionate advocates for Public ("P") access promote the allocation of resources for the P portion of PEG. Our mission as educators is to provide educational services to the people of Hawaii. We have demonstrated our commitment and success since the beginnings of cable access in Hawaii, and we ask that DCCA implement a

setaside to ensure that we can continue to do so. This setaside should ensure:

- 1) The continued assignment of Channel 55 and 56 as dedicated statewide channels for educational access programming from Hawaii's accredited educational institutions. This must also include high-quality transmission capability from educational origination facilities into the cable networks.
- 2) The continued allocation to accredited education of a fixed portion of the cable franchise fees allocated for PEG to fairly support the "E" component of PEG. At a minimum, this should be at least equal to the E funding levels currently established through previous and painful negotiation.

We firmly believe that Educational Access broadly adds value for the people of Hawaii and that a firm setaside of resources as requested will best ensure the continuation of our statewide services to the people of all islands and a holistic P, E and G program.



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I believe the bid process is the only way we can get Akaku to operate above board and to restore public confidence.

Requirements should include that members of the Board should have no financial interest in the company, e.g. receive pay as an employee or contractor. The Board has producers receiving pay and how can they make decisions for the public if they are in conflict of interest?

I think all the Board members should resign and a new Board without conflicts of interest be placed to restore public confidence in Akaku.

Mahalo,  
Maria Unemori

# Akaku Public Input Survey

## To complete this survey online visit [www.akaku.org/survey](http://www.akaku.org/survey)

Akaku encourages your participation in the following survey. Please return this form to Akaku and your comments and results will be shared with the DCCA

Do our hours of operation satisfy your needs?	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The availability and quality of our equipment	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The quality of training provided	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
How knowledgeable is our staff?	1) Extremely knowledgeable	2) Somewhat knowledgeable	3) OK	4) Somewhat unknowledgeable	5) Extremely unknowledgeable	6) No opinion
(What is your rating of the ) Overall quality of services provided to our clients	1) Very high quality	2) High quality	3) OK	4) Low Quality	5) Very low quality	6) No opinion

How would you rate the value of Akaku to our community?	1) Very valuable	2) Somewhat valuable	3) OK	4) Minimal value	5) No Value	6) No opinion
<b>Should Akaku be exempted from the competitive bid process?</b>	1) Yes	2) No	3) No Opinion			

Comment(s):

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This survey is to gather information to share with the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"). The DCCA Cable Television Division is seeking public input and comments on issues relating to public access television services, whether the department should seek an exemption from the requirement that those services be procured through a competitive bid process and, if not, what requirements the department should include in a request for proposal.

Statewide meetings are being held by the DCCA in February. The meeting for the county of Maui is on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m at the Maui Community College Ka`a`ike Building, Room 105 B/C/D at 310 West Kaahumanu Avenue.

For more information on the public comment meeting, please go to the DCCA's website at [www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/catv/mainpress\\_releases/](http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/catv/mainpress_releases/)

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**Deadline to submit written comments to the DCCA is Friday, February 24, 2006**



Lee Altenberg <altenber@hawaii.edu> on 02/17/2006 01:14:16 AM

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To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
cc: Lee Altenberg <altenber@hawaii.edu>

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Subject: Comments re: Akaku

FILE\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs,

I think it is legally arguable that the competitive bidding requirement does not apply to public access television because it is not funded by State taxes. But I am not versed in the details.

In any case, competitive bidding belongs to a model of exchanging money for products or services that is not appropriate to an outlet of free speech rights as Akaku is. Rather, a democratic governance model, such as is practiced by the Pacifica Foundation and its affiliates, or KQED public broadcasting, is ideal. A Board of Akaku democratically elected by the subscribers would control policy and management of the station.

A public access television station is not like a road, which is built and the contractor then leaves; it is an institution established to promote the expression of free speech, and as such, cannot be governed by a single competitive bidding screen; the stakeholders require continuing democratic influence on the governance of the station.

I hope that the Department will pursue whatever institutional or legislative changes are necessary to implement a democratically elected board in Hawaii's public access TV stations.

Best regards,  
Prof. Lee Altenberg

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Tess Cartwright <tess@mewe-creations.com> on 02/15/2006 12:45:55 PM

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Subject: Testimony for Public-Access TV Feb. 15, 2006 Hearing

Testimony attached.



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**DATE:** February 15, 2006  
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**TESTIMONY TO:** Mr. Clyde Sonobe, Administrator  
Cable Television Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**FROM:** Tess Cartwright Maui Community TV, Akaku Board of Director

**SUBJECT:** Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs hearing on Akaku services and a ruling that requires – for the first time – competitive bidding for public-access TV.

I extend my mahalo to you and the Department for the public hearings held throughout the State regarding the proposed competitive bid process for public-access TV.

**I urge that a permanent exemption from the competitive bid process be granted our community public-access providers so that they will be saved the disruptive penalty and financial inefficiencies that could result should a new operator be awarded the bid contract.**

**It is important to note that it is not the quality of services provided by the public-access TV entities that is being called into question, rather, it is the enforcement of the law that applies to all State contracts that are not exempt. The fact that the State has not enforced the law for a number of years would argue that the State considered that public-access TV contract ought to be exempt.**

**Public-access community media resource centers could be negatively impacted by having to adhere to the state procurement law, therefore I request that you do not rush to judgment to meet the deadline of June 30, 2006. I believe that advice ought to be obtained from nationally qualified experts and the staff and management at our public-access centers before moving forward on this complex question.**

**I hope that the DCCA will decide to make a strong case to convince the State Chief Procurement Officer that its contractual history with the public-access providers has resulted in vibrant resource centers serving the best interests for both the public and the State, therefore granting the exemption is the wisest course of action.**

**Mahalo for you time.**

**Tess Cartwright  
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2006 FEB 16 P 6: 07

Subject: Testimony Regarding RFP for PEG Providers

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I object to what might happen to our Akaku PBS station if the contract is opened up to a competitive bid process. I enjoy the right of the first amendment that the Akaku station provides. Letting everyone voice their opinions is our right as citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,  
Pat L. Puaa



Efzwick@aol.com on 02/14/2006 09:53:34 AM

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Subject: 5pam:Re:Akaku

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To whom it may concern, We are newcomers to Maui, living here less than six months. But I wanted to express two thoughts: (1). What is wrong with competitive bidding? It seems that the current liscense holder is afraid of some healthy competition. I wonder why? (2). Being new, I wanted to sample their programing, to see for myself. I was very disappointed to only see their infomercials on the bidding process. This to me was very poor judgment on their part. I'm sorry I can't attend the hearing this week, but I will await the results.

Edward F. Zwick 282 Hololani St., Pukalani 96768  
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Subject: Written testimony in support of keeping services with Akaku

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Aloha,  
I am writing in support of keeping public television services with Akaku. For over a decade, Akaku has provide Maui with excellent, non biased, award winning programing. Akaku has earned the loyalty and trust of the community by accounting for all money received and completing all reporting requirements. they have secured community grants, forged long term partnership with the government and non profit, education and other community groups. These services could be damaged or delayed should Akaku be replaced. Restructuring or rebuilding these services already in place, would be wasteful and inefficient.

As a therapist and clinical supervisor on Maui, I work with families with young children. I came from the mainland 10 years ago and was pleased to find one of the most respected PEG access organizations in the United States. I personally watch Akaku public television because I know that I will see the most relevant educational and cultural programing available and I recommend programs to watch for the families that I work with. I believe that the families and youth of Maui are greatly benefitting from the programing. No other replacement entity can demonstrate the know how, experience and skill that could equal where Akaku is today. I respectfully urge you to keep Akaku as the service provider for public television in Hawaii.

In addition I understand that cable franchise fees are not part of the State general fund and therefore, should not be required to go through a competative bid process RFP. State run RFP process would work against the needs of the local people who are used to services that are uniquely local in character for each Island and therefore meet their own cultural needs. In addition, RFP is very burdensome and expensive, and restricts flexibility in developing new programming which would best meet community needs.

Lastly, should the DCCA choose to design an inefficient RFP process national experts (of PEG services) should be consulted to recommend "best practice" models by holding public hearings before implementing any plan and by seeking out and implementing input and full participation from the local population living on each Island.



Darren Corrao <corraodj@yahoo.com> on 02/14/2006 02:03:17 PM

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Subject: Written Testimony for 2/15/06 Public Comment Meeting in Kahului, Maui, HI

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Pursuant to the DCCA's Notice of Public Comment Meetings, I have attached a copy of my written testimony for the Public Comment Meeting on Maui's PEG Access Services to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

Yours truly,  
Darren J. Corrao

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**PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING OF MAUI PEG ACCESS SERVICES  
KAHULUI, MAUI: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

**Written Comments of DARREN J. CORRAO, Wailuku, HI**

My name is Darren Corrao. I have been a Certified Producer and regular volunteer at Akaku since the Fall of 2005. I am also a regular viewer of its programming. I have taken all the classes provided by Akaku and, through my regular volunteer services, have had the opportunity and pleasure to have numerous technical, production and programming discussions with the Akaku staff.

The quality and quantity of training Akaku provides is exceptional. The quality and broad scope of the staff's technical and creative knowledge is astounding, particularly in a small community such as Maui. The staff is made up of extraordinary people doing an extraordinary job.

I volunteer regularly for Akaku, because I wish to give back to my community -- this wonderful island of Maui, which gives so much to me. What I appreciate the most about Akaku and its staff is their unwavering commitment solely to the best interests of the Maui community. As I see it, Akaku is a non-profit organization with no self-interest on its agenda. It has no interest in censoring or skewing any voice on any issue. Akaku exists solely for the benefit of the community -- to provide a medium for all voices and to give the community full access to all available information impacting the community. These five cable stations are all about "public access" -- that is Akaku's sole mission, and it does it very well. I would not volunteer my valuable time if Akaku were not solely committed to the people of Maui.

In getting to know all of the Akaku staff, I have found not one of them to have any political agenda. When it comes to programming and production, they have no bias on any issue. These are very talented and committed people who want to provide the highest broadcast standards and highest quality public access station possible.

To open up the competitive bidding process -- particularly to for-profit organizations -- would be to threaten the Maui community's "public access." It would invite the risk of censorship, potentially leaving the Maui community with less -- and/or skewed -- information and less of a voice. It would invite personal agendas into the mix, to the detriment of our community.

The State of Hawaii would save no money by requiring a competitive bid process, since the funds for the stations are fixed by formula and provided by Time Warner. Also, given my exposure to Akaku, its facilities, and its staff, I find it inconceivable that any other organization could provide better, more trusted broadcast and production services on the same budget.

I trust and appreciate Akaku, and the people I know on Maui trust and appreciate Akaku. It's a caring member of our community. Please don't put that at risk. Exempt it from the competitive bid process.

Thank you.

Darren J. Corrao



Rob N Sunita <mauified@juno.com> on 02/15/2006 08:26:11 AM

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Subject: Akaku

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My name is Rob Hilbun, I am an electrical contractor, and did the original hard wiring on station, also I am a private Akaku producer since inception of station under original station manager, Darla Palmer. I have produced every year and am currently working on 5 live TV shows every other week.....

What is access TV ? What was the original architecture for design and use? Everyone has a different opinion on even what constitutes a P.E.G. access entity. To me it translates:  
1. certain % of cable fees go to support a P.E.G. entity  
2. The P.E.G. entity supplies  
a. programs that air on the cable TV system  
b. training and equipment for 1.the public 2.the education system 3. the government  
3. All programing is aired with no discrimination to the context or content,

Free Speech and

Expression.

Akaku is already those things a fully functioning P.E.G. anyone from the school system, the government, or the public can come down go thru the training programs and submit finished shows for TV air time or schedule studio time and go live on two different TV channels.

By splitting up the money 2/3rds of it disappears out of the peoples use and goes just to a very limited use, I took the MCC television classes and you only can touch the equipment while your class is doing its project for your scholastic credits and no one else at the school the teachers other students from other classes or even the people from the TV classes can't really use the equipment and the bureaucracy from the college is very uncooperative with the public in general, over the entire history of Akaku I bet they haven't initiated more than three communal events if that, where they have set up programs or tried to work with or advance public access or help it in any way.

The government on the other hand has worked in conjunction and harmony for most of Akaku history, but still by splitting the moneys straight to them, limits the access to equipment and training also limiting individuals ability to make and air shows.

Akaku is already a P.E.G. and anyone and everyone is already welcome to come and participate in television production and distribution.

In closing I would like to see the FCC come in and clarify the very definition, the original architectural ideas and intents for which access



television was originally created.

The state, college, county government all have their own personal agendas which you never really can get to the bottom of and even if I knew what they were I'm sure it wouldn't leave much room for unfettered Expression and Freedom of Speech.

Mahalo/Thank you

Rob Hilbun Srivastava (808) 579-8700



"Richard Mealey" <mauiguy@mauigateway.com> on 02/15/2006 09:20:28 AM

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Subject: Akaku

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I like Akaku public access T.V. just as it is and I hope the service continues just as it has been.

Richard Mealey  
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"Dave Starbuck" <npd@maui.net> on 02/15/2006 02:54:15 PM

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Subject: Exempt Public Access TV from the RFP process

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## Exempt Public Access TV from the RFP process

In fact the department of commerce should step away and direct these moneys to our established public access channels.

In the beginning it was necessary to have an agency plant the seed and see that access stations were started but at this point freedom of speech expressed on the air is at odds with commerce.

It is the commerce guys job to want commerce. When the public speaks out about development concerns commerce guys get complaints from the big buck develop guys. That's commerce.

The money in question is paid to the tax paying public for use of the public right-of-ways they have bought and paid for over a long period of time. It is the peoples not the governments.

Look at the great job the stations are doing. The public has what they were promised and deserve. Akaku has a very high approval rating.

Look who is messing around through the DCCA - rich developers and a state school with a \$10 million media center. Access stations don't have expensive elaborate facilities. But for a nominal cost residence can learn television-broadcasting skills at access centers and use the community access broadcasting facilities. Not so at the \$10 million media center.

Why should one school get a big chunk of this funding? Something fishy here. There are lots of schools in Maui County.

**Akaku is education for a lot of people. They use half of there resources for it.**

Some examples -

Candidate forums educate people to voting intelligently

Hui Malama Teen Programs

Sea Berry Hall School

Baldwin High School

King Kekaulike High School

MCC/ Akaku joint programs (telethon)

Maui residence learn television broadcasting skills and how to use the communities broadcasting facilities.

MCC has exclusive use of one channel

DOE has exclusive use of one channel

**Akaku - Government coverage**

Excellent election coverage

Consistent county counsel coverage

Select committee meeting coverage

Mayor talk call-in programs (national award in 2002)

This is this opposite of Robin Hood, it is the haves taking from the have-nots.

The money should go directly to the community access stations. Do not add more bureaucracy. Exempt Public Access TV from the RFP process.

David Starbuck

Kula



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Subject: AKAKU Testimony

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Thursday, February 16, 2006

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Cable Television Division  
PO Box 541  
Honolulu, HI 96809

Re: Testimony of Public Access Stations – Competitive bidding  
AKAKU

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in opposition of allowing public access stations to be subject to competitive bidding. I support AKAKU as a public access station for Maui. Please protect our public stations and do not allow this to happen.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me direct, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 871-7958.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard M. Sword, Ph.D.

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Joe Abella <ekahiboi@yahoo.com> on 02/16/2006 10:02:34 AM

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Subject: Akaku

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Aloha, my name is Joseph C.E. Abella and I am writing this e-mail in regards to supporting Akaku TV. I strongly believe that Akaku should be continued to operate because it provides a way to show the public many different insights. From political views to entertainment and education, Akaku offers so much to our community. In the past year there has been controversy where a certain developer wanted to censor Akaku TV. From my understanding they wanted to eventually illuminate tv programs which brought the attention of over development in Maui County. Why would they want to do that? Maybe its because one of the key things about Akaku is to let people voice their opinions about political issues. And in this case those issues were about development, and by having Akaku, it was posing a threat to them, since they couldn't control what can, and CAN'T be said. So, If you allow Akaku TV to be shut down, you are eliminating the right of free speech. Not everyone has the money to voice their opinion on a whole page of The Maui News. That costs money. But anyone can voice their opinion on Akaku for free.

Joseph C.E. Abella

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Subject: Akaku

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Dear Sirs,

I was unable to attend the meeting on maui concerning the public comments for competitive bidding requirement for public access TV.

I think that the democratic process has been violated by the current board of directors and that there should be competitive bidding on this publicly funded program.

Firstly, I have watched as the current majority of the board of directors have called down any opposition with out of order claims, but their friends and special interest groups, i.e. producers of programs on Akaku, have been let run amock with accusations and personal attacks.

Secondly, this current board of directors are accountable to no one. They choose who will be on the board and it is usually another producer of a program on Akuku. Indeed the majority of the board of directors are producers themselves. I don't think they can adequately provide meaningful programming to the public. It is a closed business and there is no way for the general public to get on the board of directors.

Thirdly, I have watched them hire an attorney for the board of directors, but he only represents the chairman and is at all the meetings sitting at the table next to the chairman whispering in his ear and advising him. He does not represent the board of directors, but just the chairman and his friends.

There has been a stalling of the financial reports since July, 2005 and I dare say it is because they don't want the public to know how much of the public money has been spent on attorney fees to represent a faction of the board helping to cause more desention of the members and more attorney fees and court costs.

In summation: I think that the Democratic Process of Competitive bidding on this program is well overdue and I emlore you to bring all this Caos into control and make the only proper decision. Competitive bidding. This issue is not about quality programming. It is about power struggles. On the new proposals for bids, I hope that the board of directors can be held accountable to the public or some entity that allows the democratic process to work. That is true freedom of speech.

Thank you so much for your efforts in resolving this situation and I hope we can have open, free, educational programming for our children to watch.

Very sincerely,  
Terry Mays  
Kihei resident



"John Egan" <smokienypd@msn.com> on 02/16/2006 12:17:38 PM

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Subject: AKAKU

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Aloha: I am a concerned viewer of Cable (Public Access) I support the present group of Jay April and Mr. McDonald ,

both past and present. This attack on AKAKU is completely without merit. DCCA seems to be interfering with

with our free speech, open and honestly presented public access. Hands off DCCA. Public access does not mean

public education and Government access except as an adjunct to providing public access an additional forum,I.e.,

sharing of equipment, studios and equipment and an accounting of the public access provided.

Aloha John J.Egan  
480B Kenolio Rd. Kihei 96753



Linda A Lembeck <llembeck958@juno.com> on 02/16/2006 02:09:51 PM  
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Subject: 5pam:Public Testimony

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I am a community television producer on Maui. My views are as follows:

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- 1) No, I don't think you should request an exemption. I think that opening the franchise process to bidding by others is more democratic and could make it more competitive which is good for service.
- 2) I think station board members should be elected by cable subscribers not appointed.
- 3) At Akaku I see too many shows coming in from the mainland instead of locally produced shows.
- 4) Editing equipment at Akaku is sadly lacking, it does not meet broadcast standards. And the staff is not trained in Final Cut Pro, waveform monitors and vector scopes to bring it up to broadcast standards. I had to buy my own portable hard drive and take my video program to a professional edit house at \$50 dollars an hour to clean up file corruptions from their computers and get a clean computer to tape transfer for airing.
- 5) In general the staff is more concerned with their in-house programs then in helping independent producers get material on the air.

Sincerely,  
Linda Lembeck  
HC 1, Box 958  
Kula, HI 96790



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Subject: comments

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Regarding Akaku and Maui Cable TV programming and money.

I feel the college and high schools of Maui County should get a substantial amount of these funds. I do not fee that is happening now. What better way to serve the community than education of youth and adults. I am concerned that the funds are not being utilized efficiently, and frankly I am worried that perhaps there is too much emotion and not enough grounding on the part of Akaku board members. A change is in the air. This can be a good thing for all of us and we need to work together for the benifit of all, not just a few.

Sincerely,  
cgorae

Testimony: DCCA Public Comment Hearing  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Submitted by: Mike Albert

Dear Members of The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to address The DCCA regarding my concerns for PEG (public, education, and government) television access for the County of Maui.

Akaku Community Television has operated under contract with the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to provide public access television services to Maui County since 1990. This contract for services has been automatically renewed to Akaku each year since that initial agreement. For the past ten years, Akaku Community Television has provided a consistent, reliable service to Maui County. However, I feel it is in the best interests of our Maui County residents that a formal Request for Proposal be implemented. There are a number of reasons why I feel a formal bid process should commence, however, in the interest of time, I will name just two:

1.) An opinion by the states procurement officer has determined that DCCA is violating state procurement laws by awarding annual contract renewals to Akaku without going through a competitive request for proposal process (RFP). Therefore I feel it would be in the public's best interest to open formal bid requests to non-profit, profit, public or private organizations to provide public access television services to Maui County.

2.) Following the "Education Agreement" signed between MCC/DOE and Akaku on April 7, 2005, which allocated a percentage of PEG access funds to assist and support the Educational access component of Akaku Community Television, on April 21, 2005, then CEO of Akaku, Mr. Sean McLaughlin, sent this memo to concerned DOE members:

*Subject: DOE channel  
Aloha!*

*According to the agreement that Pat Hamamoto signed with Akaku, DOE became completely responsible for one PEG access channel on April 7th. I sent a note to Geriann Hong explaining the services Akaku currently provides, and our offer to continue those services at the rate of \$1,000. per week starting April 7, 2005 until DOE is prepared to operate the channel...*

*We will plan to discontinue Akaku's free service to DOE on Thursday April 28 (three weeks since the Superintendent signed), unless we are duly authorized by DOE to provide channel transmission services at a reasonable fee.*

This action, taken days after the Education Agreement was signed, to begin charging a fee of \$1,000 per week to DOE for a link between Akaku facilities and Time Warner

Studios "head-end" was, in my opinion, a clear violation of contract agreements to provide educational access programming via Akaku and the PEG network. This action, taken by Mr. McLaughlin, was not in the public's best interest. MCC, in partnership with DOE, now provides the necessary link required to allow DOE programming to air on Cable 56. MCC does not charge a fee to DOE for this necessary link.

Again, in the interest of time, these are just two reasons why I believe it is in the public's best interest for The DCCA to begin a formal RFP Proposal to provide public access television services to Maui County. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this afternoon.

Sincerely,

Mike Albert

Maui Media Lab Comments and Testimony  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
15 February, 2006

"Empowering the Community to Serve Itself" -- Maui Media Lab Charter

Aloha,

My name is Sam Epstein. I am Executive Director of the Maui Media Lab. Thank you for this opportunity to address the commission. As you are aware, this is a tumultuous time in broadcasting. Issues abound with regard to open access, must carry, won't carry, competition, regulation, coalescence, Cable, DSL, satellite, wireless, telecommunications services, information services, broadcast flag, ad nauseum...It becomes clear that these are not at all just abstractions to be discussed at a national level.

I think it is important to recognize that many of the contentious issues that public access television systems find themselves facing are based on preconceived arbitrary constraints, inherited from previous generations of rule makers who attempted to set reasonable rules for sharing a scarce community resource, licensed television channels.

At the same time it is important to recognize the efforts of those individuals that have devoted their time and energy into building the public access stations around our country that attempt to address the diverse requirements of their constituent communities, often with limited resources.

I would like to invite all members of the public access community to move the discussion of the future of public access television here on Maui, into, well, the future. Digital Television and Digital Radio Netcasting technology provide the means for much more local access programming to be made available to many more members of the community including customers of dial up, DSL, satellite, wireless network operators.

National broadcasters and syndicators are now recognizing the opportunities posed by new digital media technologies including, direct downloading of video, podcasts, vodcasts, netcasting and more. With more and more people turning off the television, and turning to their computer for audio and video content, new opportunities abound for providing diverse local access programming that truly can begin to address the individual needs of individuals, as well as groups within the community that have divergent or even opposing perspectives.

On behalf of the Maui Media Lab, I would like to:

- . Encourage the commission to adhere to the RFP process
- . Encourage the commission to ensure that all services provided by all Public, Education and Government access centers across the state be procured through a competitive bid process.
- . Maui Media Lab Foundation would like the opportunity to compete, vigorously, within the guidelines set up by the RFP process.
- . Maui Media Lab has a solid record within the County of Maui, as does its parent organization, SenseMedia Netcasting, in the State of Hawai'i, providing electronic media arts & science, product, curriculum and professional development, as well as professional production, post-production, computer and network related technical services.
- . Maui Media Lab has helped to fill a void over the last several years, providing audio and video production and post-production, training and

professional development services to individual and groups of community members, as well as Department of Education Teachers, Instructors and their students, including helping to construct the video editing studio and radio station at Hana School.

. Maui Media Lab operates a 2000 square foot facility occupying the back of the old Ikeda Department Store in Paia, Town, equipped with access to Oceanic Cable, DISH Satellite Downlink, high speed, dedicated DSL Internet and includes full digital media netcasting capabilities, 4 studios, including a 1000 square foot HDTV production studio; a professional high definition, multi-track audio recording studio; 3 HDTV and Multi-track audio edit bays, a blue room, and two classrooms. Maui Media Lab staff and Instructors are some of Maui's most accomplished Musicians and artists in their own right as well as enthusiastic mentors from within our own community.

#### The Maui Media Lab Foundation

The Maui Media Lab Foundation, along with the support of the Kathy Morris Memorial Scholarship Foundation operates:

- The Maui Media Lab School of Media, Music and Motion
- The Maui Media Lab Children's Science Center

#### Curriculum

- Digital Media, Analog/Digital, Digital/Analog, Process Control
- Computer Software Architecture Design, Asynchronous Parallel Systems
- Interactive Computer Graphics, 3D Rendering, Motion Graphics
- Collaborative Hypermedia
- Developing Video Games
- Understanding Digital Photography
- Advanced Digital Imaging and Photoshop
- Digital Video Editing and Post Production
- Multi-track Digital Audio Recording
- Radio Production Class
- CD Production
- DVD Production
- Audio Video Netcasting
- Jr. High and High School Civics, Math and Science Program

. Maui Media Lab partners with many local businesses as well as governmental, non-profit, educational and other community organizations including:

- The Hui No'eau, Electronic Media Arts & Science
- Hana School, FM Radio Station, Video Studio, Computers, Business, Civics
- University of Hawai'i, MCC, Electronic Media, Nursing Telemedicine
- Maui Memorial Medical Center, Radiology, Telemetry, Visualization
- Montessori School of Maui, Electronic Media Arts & Science, Civics
- Maui County, Video, Netcasting, Wireless Information Service Development
- Maui County Film Office, Electronic Media Arts & Science
- Office of Hawai'ian Affairs, Digital Television Netcasting
- Paia Youth Center, Electronic Media Arts & Science, FM Radio Station
  
- University of Hawai'i, KCC, Collaborative Hypermedia based Tele Education
- Hawai'i Education Research Network, Professional Development for Educators
- Pacific Information Exchange, Local ISP Development Services

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. Digital Media and Broadcasting technology have undergone fundamental shifts since the inception of public access television on Maui. Reviewing the current



level of service availability, and incorporating what works well, with what now works better, provides the opportunity to lower cost, while simultaneously improving the quality of service provided to the community.

. The requirements and scope of services both for the community and from within the community are well defined with regard to the RFP process. Maui Media Lab believes that there are opportunities to enhance the availability of non-discriminatory PEG access to community communications media enabled by the availability of new technology within the community.

. PEG Access services are most certainly uniquely local in character for each island community. In the case of Maui, each neighborhood has its unique requirements, Molokai, Lanai, Upcountry, East Maui, West Side, South Side, Kahului, Wailuku, ... For this reason, training, production and post-production facilities should be made available in each local neighborhood and in local schools.

. It is the opinion of the Maui Media Lab that the RFP process is in the best interest of the community, by providing the community with the opportunity to select providers of services based on objective cost/value analysis from as many different options available within the community.

. An RFP awarded contract would ensure that access to new technology is made available to meet the needs of the community. Advances in digital media communications and broadcasting technologies provide opportunity for both considerable cost savings along with a substantial improvement in the quality, availability and diversity of applications available to the community.

When is a Fee a Tax?

Cable Franchise fees are a direct result of the negotiated agreement that grants the licensee the right to operate a government franchised monopoly within the jurisdiction at hand. Community members that wish to access cable television services are compelled to patronize the single cable access provider as mandated by the government and are therefore mandated to pay the Cable Franchise Fee, which given the government mandate could be at least arguably described as the Cable Franchise Tax.

In any case, whether or not the RFP process is appropriate for procuring local access television services is certainly a discussion worth having in the context of considering the best interests of the community. It seems that if this tax was a fee, then either the independent public access entity is either being operated by the franchisee, in contradiction to the concept of being run by the public, or that the public access entity would be compelled to accept large annual donations predominantly from the local monopoly cable franchisee, in order just to operate. A seemingly clear conflict of interest for an independent public access television organization.

Lastly, I would like to request that the commission consider recent FCC filings by the local DSL provider, successfully reclassifying their service as an information service as opposed to a telecommunications service, predominately to seek regulatory parity with Cable Access Providers in local jurisdictions.

In the spirit of this filing, not to mention local harmonization, we would like the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to consider that all other local information service providers, as well as the local cable access provider, be compelled to reserve dedicated public access bandwidth and be equally subject to the Franchise Tax in support of comprehensive access to community communications media.

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The local issues currently facing Maui's citizens may be some of the most daunting in the thousands of years our little island has been inhabited; sustainability, the availability of clean, drinkable water, development, over development, not enough development, responsible development, the school system, drug addiction, institutional corruption, economic opportunity....

The true clear and present danger to the security of our island would be not having the forum of public access television to both illuminate, and reflect, upon, well, ourselves.

I would like to thank the commission and everyone else participating in this important process for taking the time to consider my comments.

Aloha,

~~Sam Epstein~~  
Executive Director  
Maui Media Lab

February 15, 2006

To: Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Re: PEG Funding Exemption Testimony

I am submitting this written testimony in regards to the recent request for community feedback to determine whether PEG funding is to be an open RFP process and should there be exceptions to this action.

To give a simple yes or no response to this matter is to not fully understand what you are asking. My perspective stems from being an Akaku: Community Television producer and a Media Literacy program director and service provider for the Hui Malama Learning Center. While I do not speak on behalf of my employer it is important to note that our programs serve as a safety net of educational services for not only the youth on Maui from whom the traditional school system cannot serve but also adults challenged with literacy and immigrants seeking to improve their the use of the English language.

My formal training and education are in the fields of film production, radio broadcasting and public health. When I moved to Maui years ago after residing in cities such as New York, Chicago, Dallas and Portland I found myself thoroughly impressed with the community cable access services provided by Akaku and other Hawaii cable access stations. I was introduced to these by my auntie who is a health educator for Maui Community College and who appears regularly on the distance learning channel.

For the last 2 years I have taken every certification program offered by Akaku, worked closely with every member of their staff and contracted their expertise on numerous occasions. With Akaku as an educational partner during this last school year we offered our students at Hui Malama, who are outside the DOE and thus ineligible to take DOE offered media classes, the opportunity to become certified cable access producers. We held classes at four different service sites on Maui in Makawao, Kihei, Kahului and Wailuku.

Akaku provided all of the critical technical assistance and key program facilitation for us to certify 30 youth between the ages of 11-17. To say that the coordination and facilitation of these classes was demanding would be a grave understatement. Akaku staff, most especially their Education

Coordinator, consistently delivered professional services above and beyond the scope of our contractual agreement. It was astoundingly clear that Akaku as an agency has a passion for sharing their resources and equipping their students with the best they have to offer.

The success of this partnership was recently shared in a free community event held at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center where 40 youth produced video shorts and Public Service Announcements were showcased to hundreds of peoples.

As a business professional, educator and public health community activist I rely on the services Akaku provides me to do my work and in so doing train others. It is a most affordable and rewarding experience to have them as my instructors, technical support and collaborators. I cannot praise them highly enough.

That said, you might expect me to shout out a reverberating "Exemption!" in support of Akaku in the PEG funding RFP process, far from it. I would instead recommend to you a completely difference scenario altogether.

I understand RFP processes all too well as I manage several private foundation and state funded grants myself totaling 100s of thousands of dollars. While the RFP process in regards to PEG funding might provide distinct benefits I believe by its' mere administration the costs involved it will drain vital funding away from the services it was meant to support. Additionally the RFP process would make PEG funding vulnerable to government and corporate interests thus undermining the community powerbase it was created to strengthen.

Instead I believe the existing PEG funding allocation should continue in similar way but with some distinct differences to stave off RFP administrative costs and reduce the risk of having the resources plundered by private interests. My suggestions are as follows:

- **Strengthen support in the communities these funds were meant to serve.** Each county can create their own PEG funding Community Television Oversight Committee (CTOC) comprised of the people who actually use and receive the services provided. For instance on Maui this would be Akaku certified producers and students from MCC and the DOE. Each service provider, through their own democratic process, can provide for their representation.

- **Fund providers according to deliverable services.** *Rather than a predetermined percentage split of PEG funding to all service providers, such as in Maui's case the 33% between MCC, DOE and Akaku, instead base the percentages on actually numbers served in the previous year(s) and potential numbers to be served for projected years. These numbers can be determined and verified by ongoing reports to and sites visits by the CTOC.*
- **Plan for the future.** *Develop a 5-year statewide strategic plan with all of the county CTOCs utilizing a consulting firm with expertise in PEG funding. Make drafts available for input and feedback by the I communities served.*

I do not believe that private corporations, school and non-profit boards or CEOs of any kind should be making these decisions. Our students and our community participants have the aptitude and clarity needed in these matters that so closely affect their lives.

I make these suggestions as an alternative to what I have read is being considered. I am concerned with the entire notion of exemptions as I fear this act will create resentment within the communities and destabilize partnerships by PEG funded service providers. I believe through supportive cooperation and collaboration we will be much more likely to actualize this vital community resource.

Thank you,

Peta Mni  
Educator & Community Access Television Producer

From: Rob N Sunita <mauified@juno.com>  
To: info@akaku.org  
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 17:28:36 -1000  
Subject: Akaku

*NO to open Bidding*

*sign [signature]  
2/15/06*

My name is Rob Hilbun, I am an electrical contractor, and did the original hard wiring on station, also I am a private Akaku producer since inception of station under original station manager, Darla Palmer. I have produced every year and am currently working on 5 live TV shows every other week.....

What is access TV ? What was the original architecture for design and use? Everyone has a different opinion on even what constitutes a P.E.G. access entity. To me it translates:

1. certain % of cable fees go to support a P.E.G. entity
2. The P.E.G. entity supplies
  - a. programs that air on the cable TV system
  - b. training and equipment for 1.the public 2.the education system 3. the government
3. All programing is aired with no discrimination to the context or content,

Free Speech and Expression.

Akaku is already those things a fully functioning P.E.G. anyone from the school system, the government, or the public can come down go thru the training programs and submit finished shows for TV air time or schedule studio time and go live on two different TV channels.

By splitting up the money 2/3rds of it disappears out of the peoples use and goes just to a very limited use, I took the MCC television classes and you only can touch the equipment while your class is doing its project for your scholastic credits and no one else at the school the teachers other students from other classes or even the people from the TV classes can't really use the equipment and the bureaucracy from the college is very uncooperative with the public in general, over the entire history of Akaku I bet they haven't initiated more than three communal events if that, where they have set up programs or tried to work with or advance public access or help it in any way.

The government on the other hand has worked in conjunction and harmony for most of Akaku history, but still by splitting the moneys straight to them, limits the access to equipment and training also limiting individuals ability to make and air shows.

Akaku is already a P.E.G. and anyone and everyone is already welcome to come and participate in television production and distribution.

In closing I would like to see the FCC come in and clarify the very definition, the original architectural ideas and intents for which access television was originally created.

The state,college,county government all have their own personal agendas which you never really can get to the bottom of and even if I knew what they were I'm sure it wouldn't leave much room for unfettered Expression and Freedom of Speech.

Mahalo/Thank you

Rob Hilbun Srivastava (808) 579-8700



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February 15, 2006

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**STATEWIDE PUBLIC, EDUCATION & GOVERNMENT ("PEG") ACCESS SERVICES**

Re: Akaku Public Television

Greetings,

The Board of Directors of Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. has been closely following the board dynamics of Akaku. The Maui Tomorrow Board has significant concern for preservation of this unique free speech and public access role served by Akaku.

We are in full support of Akaku's role, not only in the original system of use and disbursement of funds from cable access fees, but in the quality programming that our community has enjoyed for many years. We do not feel that a competitive bid process is necessary or needed. To the contrary, we are very concerned this unnecessary action would drastically decrease the effectiveness of a vital resource upon which we depend in our four island County. The fact that the State of Hawaii is stepping in at this time to challenge the funding through possible competitive bidding is unfortunate in its timing and in the public's perception of fairness, when viewed within the context of the recent history of legislative and board dynamics.

It is our view that the hours of operation are quite satisfactory, and the availability to our community of both training and equipment is excellent. Akaku is a true community resource, with the level of expertise and community volunteer involvement is exceptional. The overall service provided to the County of Maui is of the highest level. We believe changes in funding will significantly degrade the level of service currently being offered, and highly recommend against any competitive bidding. Akaku is a community resource – and as such, needs for the community to trust in the process and participate in the resource to be effective. Any changes have the potential to destabilize this trust and participation. It would therefore seem that an exemption from the competitive bid process is an appropriate outcome.

Sincerely,



Ron Sturtz  
President, Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc

Bob Steiff  
P.O. Box 732  
Puunene, HI 96784

February 15, 2006

Cable Television Division  
Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs  
P.O. Box 541  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

RE: AKAKU MAUI ("PEG") ACCESS SERVICES

1. Services provided by Akaku (Maui)

A. Do their hours of operation satisfy your needs?

Yes

B. The availability and quality of their equipment?

They appear to need more funds to upgrade their equipment. However, the availability and use of what they have is very good.

C. The quality of training provided.

Excellent

D. How knowledgeable is their staff?

Quite knowledgeable

E. Overall quality of services provided to their clients.

Great quality of service

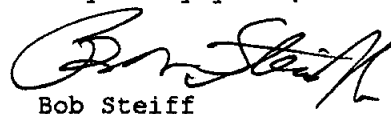
2. If a Request for Proposal (RFP), which is a competitive bid process, for PEG services was issued by the DCCA, what requirements do you think should be included?

Is an RFP legal? Akaku is a unique non-profit corporation dependent upon the franchise agreement between the State of Hawaii and Oceanic Time Warner Cable. It is dependent upon the PEG funds within this agreement. Akaku can be unjustly prejudiced in its mission without the proper stewardship of the DCCA.

Does an RFP serve the public good? Aside from the massive disruptions implied by this notion, RFPs indicate commercial bidding interests--promises of the most bang for the buck. This commercial interest will be at odds with the legislative intent of PEGs, namely, providing a soap box for the common man.

Akaku does its job well. It needs to be supported, not threatened.

Very truly yours,

  
Bob Steiff



February 15, 2006

TESTIMONY TO: (DCCA) Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, State of Hawaii

FROM: Fred Ruge, 529 Pio Drive, #4, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Should public access stations be subject to competitive bidding process?

No - I believe that the 1st and 14th Amendments protect public access stations. I also believe that the Bill of Rights extends to the State of Hawaii.

The U.S. Supreme Court landmark decision in 1925 ruled in *Gitlow v. New York*:

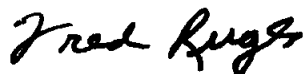
"... that the First Amendment prohibition against government abridgment of the freedom of speech applied to the states as well as to the federal government."

The decision was the first of a number of rulings holding that the 14th Amendment extended the guarantees of the Bill of Rights to state action.

If the DCCA acts against these freedoms, they may be subject to class action law suits for violations of human rights and disregard for the 1st and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

I urge you to leave public access stations alone. Say "No" to competitive bidding for public access T.V.

Sincerely,



Fred Ruge

To the DCCA meeting on Maui of this date.

Aloha kakou.

I'm Buck Joiner, Here to Help. That is my lifetime mission statement and is printed on my business card, checks, and philanthropic efforts such as Newspapers in Education. I dedicate my energies and resources to making Maui, Hawaii and the world, a better place and have done so for the past 23 years on Maui. My efforts are broad ranging from small children to the elderly, medical, educational environmental and social issues. My efforts over the decades have resulted in an embarrassing amount of recognition and awards, including five outstanding volunteer awards from various state governors.

I am a fanatical supporter of community TV and consider its establishment by the FCC as being one of the most brilliant actions by the federal government. I produced more than 200 programs on Akaku in ten years, primarily on social problems with many of the programs distributed state wide. The purpose of my programs was to inform and motivate the public into facilitating solutions to social and environmental problems.

Producing these 200 programs at Akaku cost me a significant amount of money and incomprehensible amount of time. I had a tremendous number of dedicated viewers and a loyal crew of 10 with several on a waiting list. Some of my crew actually took time off from their regular jobs in order to volunteer on my program. All this dedication was acknowledged when we won recognition in a national contest. That is all background.

We are now at a decision point on community access, particularly with respect to the Public access part of community TV. The question today is NOT whether public access TV should continue in Maui County. That is guaranteed. The question is WHO should provide that service.

I would like to speak in very strong support of opening the process to the possibility of some other entity providing public access TV in Maui County. I don't know if there is a competing entity but I welcome them. Under the leadership of ~~Sean McLaughlin~~, Akaku has become an organization with extreme abuse of power and has metastasized into chronic malignant corruption.

*the former  
president (C)*

Free speech at Akaku is a myth. It is a privilege reserved for ~~supporters of McLaughlin~~ whom I shall refer to as McLaughlinites. As we have seen over and over, anybody who does not agree with the McLaughlinites at Akaku is eliminated, whether it is employees, volunteers or board members.

*Chase*

When the PEG community ~~Access~~ TV was set up on Maui, Akaku was put in charge of the distribution of PEG funds. Initially this worked just fine. However, about 6 years ago the McLaughlinites, the P part of PEG, started taking funds from the E and G. At that time, there was ONE board member representing the Educational sector. All the others represented the P portion. There is not now, nor has there ever been, a member of the Board representing the Government sector. But what about Myles Inokuma under Apana and Danny Agsalog under Arakawa and Benita Brazier? Those were indeed government employees but they did NOT represent the Government. They

represented their own interest, just as Swami Nikhilananda is or was a substitute teacher in the public schools but he most certainly does not represent the Educational sector. However, the one educational representative was eliminated from the Akaku Board.

About six years ago, the McLaughinites started eliminating funding to the Educational and government sectors of the PEG partnership. In 2000 Akaku received \$34,700 from the County in addition to the G funding from cable funds. This year 2006 the amount in the county budget is \$232,000.

Akaku retained the E and G funding for itself. What happened to those funds? Akaku bought a shopping center. Akaku has now become a significant holder of commercial real estate and this represents the vast majority of its assets. Where in the guidelines set out by the FCC or in the charter for Akaku does it grant permission or direction for a public access TV non-profit to become a commercial real estate investor and management company? This is a gross violation of the mission of Akaku.

Today, recognizing all the gross violations, abuse of power and corruption by Akaku, I am filing a formal complaint with the DCCA against the Akaku Board of Directors for malfeasance, misappropriation of funds, deviation from mission, abuse of power and possible illegal activity.

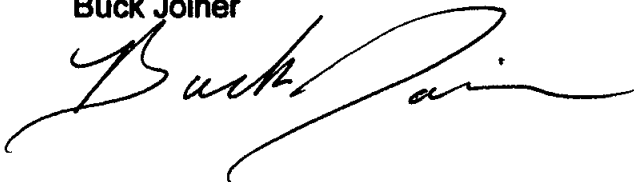
One of the central issues in this complaint is that the Board of Directors has refused to address grievances and complaints brought to the board by employees and volunteers and that individuals who brought significant complaints or grievances were eliminated from Akaku. I believe most of the people here and in the TV audience are aware of my letter in the Feb. 14 Maui News. I made a challenge of a \$1000 donation to the charity of choice for any president of the Akaku Board of Directors who can prove that the Akaku Board investigated a single grievance or complaint by an employee or volunteer against McLaughlin's abuse of power, and that the whistleblower was not eliminated from Akaku one way or another.

It is my greatest wish that Public Access TV be in Maui County but that it is operated with integrity, and fairness to all, including the cable customers, all members of the PEG sections, to the paid staff, and absolutely, to the volunteers.

Every morning I thank God for being granted the privilege of being born an American citizen and to be allowed the incredible pleasure of living in paradise. Premier among the rights of living in the United States is the freedom of speech. Akaku did not invent the first amendment to the constitution. And in actuality, that freedom of speech is limited to the supporters of the McLaughlinitic philosophy at Akaku. The opportunity for other groups to be the provider of Public access TV in Maui County is an idea I strongly support and I will evaluate the contenders at the appropriate time.

I respectfully request the DCCA to act expeditiously on my formal complaint and to insure public television access on Maui.

Buck Joiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buck Joiner", written in a cursive style.



"Pat Puaa" <hawaiiipat4@hotmail.com> on 02/13/2006 05:28:18 PM

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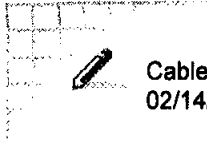
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Subject: Testimony Regarding RFP for PEG Providers

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I object to what might happen to our Akaku PBS station if the contract is opened up to a competitive bid process. I enjoy the right of the first amendment that the Akaku station provides. Letting everyone voice their opinions is our right as citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,  
Pat L. Puaa



Cable Television  
02/14/2006 07:59 AM

Sent by: Glen WY Chock

To: "Pat Puaa" <hawaiipat4@hotmail.com>  
cc:

Subject: Re: Testimony Regarding RFP for PEG Providers 

Dear Pat Puaa:

The Department appreciates your comments and views regarding Akaku Community TV. We will give each comment thoughtful consideration.

Cable Television Division-DCCA

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"JoAnne Johnson" <johnsonj031@hawaii.rr.com>, "Ed Case" <ed.case@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Testimony for public hearing on Wednesday February 15, 2006 at 4:00 pm regarding threatened RFP  
process for services currently being provided in Maui County by Akaku.

**Testimony for public hearing on Wednesday February 15, 2006 at 4:00 pm regarding  
threatened RFP process for services currently being provided in Maui County by Akaku.**

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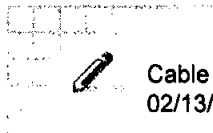
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Cable Television  
02/13/2006 12:02 PM

Sent by: Glen WY Chock

To: "Kabba Anand" <kabba@hawaii.rr.com>  
cc:

Subject: Re: Testimony for public hearing on Wednesday February 15, 2006 at 4:00 pm regarding threatened RFP process for services currently being provided in Maui County by Akaku.

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Karen Chun <Karen@RedwoodGames.com> on 02/13/2006 11:26:26 AM

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To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
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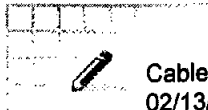
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j hilford <jasonhilford@yahoo.com> on 02/07/2006 03:48:02 PM

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2006 FEB -8 A 7 59

To: cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
cc: info@akaku.org

Subject: 5pm: Akaku access

FILE

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Jason Hilford  
Managing Editor  
Maui No Ka Oi magazine



Cable Television  
02/08/2006 08:43 AM

Sent by: Patti K Kodama

To: j hilford <jasonhilford@yahoo.com>  
cc:

Subject: Re: 5pam:Akaku access 

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HC01 Box 770  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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cc:

Subject: Re: AKAKU-DCCA □

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DCCA -

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Memo from the

Tenants of Pūlani Housing in  
Lahaina

Helen R. K. Sur  
1028 Waine St. #3 Lahaina HI 96761

DISTRIBUTION REGISTER

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MITSUE	C-2	1 Mitsue Upato	
DANIEL	H-6	1 Daniel Bash	
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KAREN	B-2	KAREN	
AVELINA	G-3	1 Avelina	
NAMIKO	D-4	1 Namiko	
CLAUDETTE	F-1	1 H.S. (Mama) C. Hemmick	
HELEN	E-3	Helen King	
JAMES	H-1	James A. Hunt	
STUART	E-5	STUART Kahan	
JOHN	B-1	John	
MONIQUE	B-5	1 Monique O'Leary	
ROSELINE	C-4	1 Roseline Levy	
LORRAINE	F-4	1 Lorraine Lui	
LANI CAROLINE	E-4	1 Lani Nakl	
EDYTHE	H-2	Edythe	
BILL	A-2	1 Bill Pritchard	
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GEORGE	A-3	George
CONNIE	G-2	CONNIE
WADE	A-4	WADE WARD
WILLIAM	C-3	Bill W.
ANDREW	H-5	Andrew
LESLIE KIT	F-2	Leslie Kit
<b>RICK</b>	<b>G-1</b>	<b>RICK EDISON H.B.</b>
<del>RICHARD</del>	<del>VOL</del>	<del>L.H. Jnr. Richard F...</del>
LIONEL M.	E-6	Lionel M. Howe
ELSA	B-3	N. Elsa Alipadeh
JUNE	B-6	June Horvick
A KALANI	C-6	NA Kalani Kiriaka
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February 24, 2006

Cable Television Division  
Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
PO Box 541  
Honolulu, HI 96809

Dear Clyde Sonobe,

Please exempt Akaku from the requirement that PEG access services be procured through competitive bid.

Getting our State government so deeply involved in a small Maui county dispute between the very small group of 13 board members at Akaku is a poor expenditure of the states time, money and resources. This dispute is around financing and power. What is most disturbing is that Akaku's mission of unedited and uncensored community access may be compromised and even possibly lost forever in this legislative process.

It is imperative to keep public access PUBLIC and to keep our constitutional rights and freedoms FREE!!! By getting the State government so deeply involved in our County public access programs, I feel there will be a lot of censorship, control and manipulation by the government and the big businesses that will be bidding for the access services. This will not serve the community and will do more harm than good.

I am not one who creates the video programs to be viewed on Akaku, so am unable to speak of or know the quality of their service to the people who make videos for the air.

I am a viewer of the Akaku stations and I do appreciate all the programming - educational, government meetings that I cannot attend personally, and the videos created by private citizens about their views, ways of life, or concerns for the environment et all. The guidelines that Akaku has in place seem to be good to me. I never see anything that I would consider to be amoral or x-rated.

I very much enjoy the videos made by the private citizens, including the ones that I may disagree with. I like to know ALL opinions and views of islanders that are out there. I also like to know there is a venue for expression for people who are passionate enough about a perhaps unpopular view to create a video. If someone cannot be heard at this level, they may take a more unpopular violent level of communication until they are heard. This public programming, *the way it is now*, helps to create peace and goodwill in our community.

I am very disappointed in our State government officials for allowing themselves to get caught up and involved with what was originally a financial and power dispute between a very small group of board members of a County public access station. Unfortunately the governments involvement and new course of legislative action that is

being proposed has the potential to undermine the main mission of Akaku to provide free access, uncensored and unedited communication to the entire community of Maui, not just special interest groups. I hope the State government will take a hard and honest look, and see this for what it is and see that the majority of the community does not want the changes that are being proposed to go through a competitive bid process - especially to For Profit business.

What requirements should be included in the proposal???

First choice - **Exempt Akaku from the requirement that services be procured through competitive bid.** Period. Leave Akaku alone. Leave it the way it is. The MAJORITY of the community is happy with Akaku!!!!

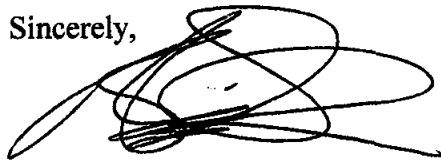
Second choice - If you go ahead and go against the public's wishes....

A) Make the language very clear and very simple that the basic foundation procedures will stay intact that are already in place at Akaku for not editing and not censoring the videos that are aired nor changing the types of videos that are currently allowed.

B) If you insist on putting this up to bid, at least prevent For Profit Businesses and Government Agencies from bidding. Also put some kind of reasonable financial cap on the Non-profit Groups, as some can be very large and powerful as well which will have the same potential problems.

Please listen to the public opinion and respect the views and popular/majority votes of the public that far outweigh the small disgruntled fraction of Akaku Board Members that brought this matter to the attention of the State and are demanding legislative action and control to get what they want.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Noël Dupree", written over a white background.

Noël Dupree

To the DCCA,

The following comments were also going to be oral testimony at the meeting on February 15. There was no time permitting for 46 out of the 70 citizens who attended to make their voices heard on this important issue.

My first experience with Akaku was a number of years ago, I was approached by a producer to host a late night talk show. I agreed. The staff was helpful, professional, and the work environment was excellent.

I recently completed a survey rating the quality of services at Akaku, which are exceptional. What is most important is that Akaku is fulfilling its' mission statement, which is

*"To empower our community's' voice through access to media"*

In fact akaku is one of the best public access stations in the country. Their mission is to serve the single most important voice and that is the collective voice of this community, which expresses diversity. The artist, the politician, the educator, the activist, And the guy who wants to catch the antics of a parade or a community function on tape. This is public access!!

To sell out this station to special interest or a handful of 'voices' with money would be a tragic disservice to this community as a whole. And would deny 'all' of our citizens crucial access to this venue of free speech.

I am fervently requesting that the DCCA not subject Akaku to the competitive bidding process.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Jill Sundberg  
Owner/Creative Director-  
Stand Up Express  
572-4066

Public Comments

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**From:** WIGRLLVINMAUI@YAHOO.COM  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 5:08 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(WIGRLLVINMAUI@YAHOO.COM) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 03:08:00

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name: C WITTKE

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: OK

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** wainanilee@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2006 6:49 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(wainanilee@hotmail.com) on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 04:48:36

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name: "wainani lee"

phone: 808 929 8605

Comments: I am not a client of Akaku however, I have produced programs that have aired on Akaku and recognize the importance of this form of free media giving our communities a voice without a lot of red tape.

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**From:** wailukugirl@lycos.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 8:51 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(wailukugirl@lycos.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 06:51:26

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name: p ornellas

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: Somewhat Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: OK

exempted: No

Comments: You people don't deserve to get public funds with the clowns on your board of directors.

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**From:** vitez\_420@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2006 7:45 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(vitez\_420@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 05:45:11

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name: Brandy B

phone: 808-559-0872

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: LEAVE AKAKU ALONE!!!!!!

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Public Comments

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**From:** unmanib@maui.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 4:05 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(unmanib@maui.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 02:04:54

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name: Cynthia Groves

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: Keep Akaku in the hands of locals, not big corporations! Have a way of monitoring (checks and balances) the organization's handling of Akaku. I love the programs, Hawaiian culture orientation, consciousness raising programs like Eli and Gangaji, health care practitioners, educational forums, councils. We need this and it keeps us informed about what is happening on the islands.

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**From:** tsotelo@wave.hicv.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:26 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(tsotelo@wave.hicv.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 07:26:23

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name: T. Sotelo  
phone: (808) 336-0663  
hours: Somewhat Satisfied  
equipment: Strongly Satisfied  
training: Strongly Satisfied  
knowledge: Strongly Satisfied  
overall: Strongly Satisfied  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes

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**From:** tom@mauiboy.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2006 11:43 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(tom@mauiboy.com) on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 21:42:58

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name: Tom Cannon

phone: 572-4644

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: In addition to providing an important means to achieve authentic community programming and free speech, AKAKU is an educational facility in its own right. I know because I was educated there and certified as both a studio and field producer.

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**From:** the\_hartleys@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 7:54 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(the\_hartleys@verizon.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 05:53:49

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name: Robert Hartley

phone: 575-2277

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** sweetjazzellesage@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2006 1:58 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sweetjazzellesage@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 23:57:57

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name: Jessica Schmidt

phone: 808-281-2112

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: This service is so vital to our community, we simply must have it continue. It is such a great vehicle to bridge the outer islands of maui county and raise community awareness. In doing so the islands become a stronger community. Sincerly, Jessica Schmidt

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Public Comments

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**From:** ryan.s@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2006 10:21 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ryan.s@verizon.net) on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 08:20:52

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name: Sandy Ryan

phone: 283.1267

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku gives the residents of Maui Nui a voice that is trusted and deserves to remain free from the manipulations of special interest groups.

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**From:** pitcaith@shaka.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(pitcaith@shaka.com) on Friday, February 17, 2006 at 23:52:57

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name: ann pitcaithley

phone: 808280-6899

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I am an instructor at Maui Community College and find the services provided for by Akaku to be a very valuable service to the community. It puts me in touch with the community and political issues locally to internationally. I regularly watch the programming to the exclusion of all other channels. The staff is dedicated to serving the community. Please protect and preserve the right to represent the community and free speech. Mahalos, Ann Pitcaithley, Paia

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**From:** pacific.rim@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2006 7:48 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(pacific.rim@verizon.net) on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 17:48:01

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name: Robert Kai Christensen

phone: 808-870-7619

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: politics have no place in this. This is a non profit, open to all. Replace the  
current board with one elected from within and let them get back to work.

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Public Comments

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**From:** olowalu@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2006 8:06 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(olowalu@aol.com) on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 06:06:18

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name: Hinano Rodrigues

phone: 280-4770

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I just moved back to Hawaii after being away for 20 years. Never before have I seen the public service offered by Akaku. The programs provided are varied and all points of view are permitted to express themselves. Never before have I seen such an attempt to manifest the first amendment. As an educated (Juris Doctorate) Maui kamaaina, I cannot fathom what the Maui Community would be without Akaku. I truly enjoy watching our Maui County Council discuss and legislate laws that affect our daily lives. Akaku's broadcast of these proceedings keeps us Maui people well-informed. Akaku's broadcast of council proceedings keeps the council above board. Akaku probably cannot afford to low bid, since it is probably already operating at near cost. Asking Akaku to do so would clearly cause it's demise. What is the State so afraid of?

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**From:** njsxpress@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2006 11:30 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(njsxpress@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 21:29:31

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name: Nancy Sundberg

phone: 572-4066

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Note: I have no opinion concerning equipment and training because I have not had any personal experience in these areas. I will be attending some of akakus classes in order to have knowledge in the area of production. I have worked with the akaku staff on various productions in and out of the studio and have found them to be very well trained and professional. I will be submitting testimony regarding the competitive bidding process.

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**From:** montybuzz@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 3:22 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(montybuzz@earthlink.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 01:21:49

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name: Monty L. Dehnert

phone: 808 573-4899

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The DCCA should quit making Akaku a political football.

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**From:** minav001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 2:23 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(minav001@hawaii.rr.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 00:22:35

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name: vincent mina

phone: 808 242-7870

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku Has continually shown the kind of leadership in the community, that is in the best interest of the community at large. Keep Akaku as they are, Let them continue to lead as they do!!!

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**From:** malia\_84@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 11:24 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(malia\_84@yahoo.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 21:23:35

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name: Serena Agaleva'a  
phone: 877-1522  
hours: Somewhat Satisfied  
equipment: OK  
training: OK  
knowledge: OK  
overall: OK  
value: Somewhat Satisfied  
exempted: No

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**From:** lesv@angeltech.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2006 9:24 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(lesv@angeltech.com) on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 19:23:33

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name: Les Vogel  
phone: 808 870 0418  
hours: Somewhat Satisfied  
equipment: Somewhat Satisfied  
training: Somewhat Satisfied  
knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied  
overall: Strongly Satisfied  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes

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**From:** kuau@maui.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kuau@maui.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 07:31:43

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name: Aaron Singer

phone: 579-8036

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is the only asset the public has left that has not been bought out by corporate money.

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**From:** kokonegirl@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 12:09 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kokonegirl@hotmail.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 10:08:38

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name: Rhoda Ann Kahele

phone: 808-281-8193

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Just let Akaku be. If it's not broke why fixes it!

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**From:** kawehi\_18@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 8:27 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kawehi\_18@yahoo.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 18:27:04

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name: Kawehi Soares

phone: 658-0703

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: OK

knowledge: OK

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is for the people and if the people can't have a voice then what should they have. It's our right that we can have free speech and what better way then Akaku. I love Akaku, I watch it all the time. I think some people just don't want the public to gain access to cable media because they feel less powered and would rather have people at home watch the visitor channel instead. Mahalos, Kawehi Soares

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**From:** kaioty\_1@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2006 7:46 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kaioty\_1@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 05:46:26

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name: Waily I.

phone: 808-559-0790

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: LEAVE AKAKU DA WAY IT IS!!!

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Public Comments

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**From:** Joe Abella [ekahibol@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** Aloha

Aloha, I was at the meeting yesterday but wasnt able to read a letter I made. So here it is...

Aloha, my name is Joseph C.E. Abella and I am writing this letter in regards to supporting Akaku TV. I strongly believe that Akaku should be continued to operate because it provides a way to show the public many different insights. From political views to entertainment and education, Akaku offers so much to our community. In the past year there has been controversy where a certain developer wanted to censor Akaku TV. From my understanding they wanted to eventually illuminate tv programs which brought the attention of over development in Maui County. Why would they want to do that? Maybe its because one of the key things about Akaku is to let people voice their opinions about political issues. And in this case those issues were about development, and by having Akaku, it was posing a threat to them, since they couldn't control what can, and CAN'T be said. So, If you allow Akaku TV to be shut down, you are eliminating the right of free speech. Not everyone has the money to voice their opinion on a whole page of The Maui News. That costs money. But anyone can voice their opinion on Akaku for free.

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**From:** jno\_42@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2006 3:36 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jno\_42@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 01:35:54

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name: Jacqueline Norris

phone: 8086469001

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** hohani5@msn.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2006 8:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hohani5@msn.com) on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 06:31:36

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name: Michael Lucas

phone: 281-8511

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is at the heart of Maui's soul. Protect this treasure -- it provides  
community programming without sensorship which is absolutely essential today.

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**From:** Hohani2@msn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2006 6:38 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Hohani2@msn.com) on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 04:38:09

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name: Richard Lucas

phone: 572-5662

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is the Maui community link to information and contacts that make Maui work. Keep Akaku independent from outside pressure. There are so many programs on Akaku that provide information that we can't get anywhere else. The loss of Akaku would seriously jeopardize the future of Maui.

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Public Comments

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**From:** ginaeee@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ginaeee@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 22:24:06

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name: gina enzweiler

hours: OK

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: Not sure what "exempted from process" means to Akaku. All services need to continue and to grow as Akaku is VITAL to our open society. More not less of Akaku. It is our community link to media FREEDOMS. DO NOT DESTROY IT!

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**From:** eclipse@maui.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 3:24 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(eclipse@maui.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 01:24:16

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name: Diana Sargent

phone: 808.876.0066

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I find the information, diverse programming, and local access provided by AKAKU to be an incredible benefit to our community. I am dismayed by the possibility that AKAKU will no longer function in the same manner it has in the past. Thank you for taking my comments.

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**From:** donc4835@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2006 10:07 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(donc4835@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 20:06:58

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name: Don Coleman

phone: 879-4835

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I am very happy with the amount and quality of the programming now aired on Akaku. I especially like the alternative view shows that are not currently (or ever) available or shown on network TV. Keep up the good work and don't ever cut Akaku's funding or budget.

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Public Comments

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**From:** crabbe@mobettah.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 8:49 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(crabbe@mobettah.net) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 18:48:53

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name: CURTIS CRABBE

phone: 8085676543

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: while the state procurement laws prevail, molokai, maui, and lanai have a unique environment where we heavily depend on akaku to broadcast many events including maui council/state legislative hearing. i cannot perceive as to how bidding, or even an rfp, could enhance services that akaku has pioneered. akaku has a proven track record.

however it should be noted that extreme scrutiny should be exercised in the annual evaluation of the budgets and funds that akaku receives from the state.

it would be a serious error in judgement to let the services that akaku provides the the small tri-isle community of maui, be let out to bid. the drafting of an rfp by a consultant not in the county of maui, and the attempt to "cookie cutter" all PEG services throughout the state of Hawaii, would be a travesty and an a complete disregard to the smaller, inaccessible communities like molokai.

let akaku stand on its own merits. let politics continue elsewhere in the big city.

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**From:** a\_arcangel@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 11:00 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(a\_arcangel@hotmail.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 21:00:05

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name: Andrew Arcangel

phone: (808)298-1909

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: OK

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: The times that I really liked watching Akaku was when the Paniolo Prince was being featured. I liked that guy. I'm not Hawaiian but he told it like it is. I really miss watching the Paniolo Prince. BRING HIM BACK!!!!

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## Public Comments

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**From:** Dave Starbuck [npd@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 2:54 PM  
**To:** cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Cc:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** Exempt Public Access TV from the RFP process

### Exempt Public Access TV from the RFP process

In fact the department of commerce should step away and direct these moneys to our established public access channels.

*In the beginning it was necessary to have an agency plant the seed and see that access stations were started but at this point freedom of speech expressed on the air is at odds with commerce.*

It is the commerce guys job to want commerce. When the public speaks out about development concerns commerce guys get complaints from the big buck develop guys. That's commerce.

The money in question is paid to the tax paying public for use of the public right-of-ways they have bought and paid for over a long period of time. *It is the peoples not the governments.*

Look at the great job the stations are doing. The public has what they were promised and deserve. Akaku has a very high approval rating.

Look who is messing around through the DCCA - rich developers and a state school with a \$10 million media center. Access stations don't have expensive elaborate facilities. But for a nominal cost residence can learn television-broadcasting skills at access centers and use the community access broadcasting facilities. Not so at the \$10 million media center.

Why should one school get a big chunk of this funding? Something fishy here. There are lots of schools in Maui County.

### **Akaku is education for a lot of people. They use half of there resources for it.**

Some examples -

Candidate forums educate people to voting intelligently

Hui Malama Teen Programs

Sea Berry Hall School

Baldwin High School

King Kekaulike High School

MCC/ Akaku joint programs (telethon)

Maui residence learn television broadcasting skills and how to use the communities broadcasting facilities.

MCC has exclusive use of one channel

DOE has exclusive use of one channel

### **Akaku - Government coverage**

Excellent election coverage

Consistent county counsel coverage

Select committee meeting coverage

Mayor talk call-in programs (national award in 2002)

This is this opposite of Robin Hood, it is the haves taking from the have-nots.

The money should go directly to the community access stations. Do not add more bureaucracy. Exempt Public Access TV from the RFP process.

David Starbuck  
 Kula

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**From:** yonibeme@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 3:55 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(yonibeme@yahoo.com) on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 01:54:41

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name: Yoni Silberman

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is a very, very important vehicle for citizens of all opinions to have a voice. It provides a rare chance of equality for everyone, rich, poor, educated or not, to have a moment of access to the public. In addition to beautifully teaching video and television production at a nominal fee (unlike MCC's film very expensive film courses that many could never afford), Akaku is not influenced by corporations and developers. MCC has the opportunity, desire, and history of receiving plenty of money from corporations (one such example is Monsanto) to supplement their budgets. We need an organization in Maui who isn't motivated to respond to "big money" donations by promoting their agendas. Akaku is just fine the way it is.

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Public Comments

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**From:** yokobento@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 11:06 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(yokobento@yahoo.com) on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 21:05:40

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name: Marge Yokomizo-Bento  
phone: (808) 553-1755  
hours: Strongly Satisfied  
equipment: Strongly Satisfied  
training: Strongly Satisfied  
knowledge: Strongly Satisfied  
overall: Strongly Satisfied  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes

Comments: The Akaku Molokai Media Center continues to be a positive program for the Molokai Community! It will be a GREAT SHAME to see Akaku terminate, or be replaced by another source, as the current staff: Matt Yamashita and Josh Pastrana have dedicated much of their time and efforts to educate the community the value of community to both adults and youths. Yamashita and Pastrana, both raised on Molokai share similar experiences and lifestyles with the community, leaving no barriers to those wanting to learn. My question to you is: Why change when what we currently have is a positive outcome?

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**From:** ucfduck@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 8:50 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ucfduck@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 18:49:42

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name: Lydia Jones

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** suellen@maui.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 2:33 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(suellen@maui.net) on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 00:33:23

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name: Suellen Barton

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: There is no rational or legitimate reason to replace AKAKU -- DO NOT PUT OUT AN RFP

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Public Comments

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**From:** .Stagg@bsd18.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2006 3:07 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Stagg) on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 01:07:03

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name: Carly

phone: 8086469001

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** ronskie@maui.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 10:39 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ronskie@maui.net) on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 08:39:28

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name: Ron Sambrano

phone: 3857667

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: No bids! period. Akaku is a very valuable means of free expression. This access, once changed, and every expression censored will be the day you can call it "A Nazi Station"

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**From:** nyreekang@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 11:42 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(nyreekang@hotmail.com) on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 21:42:10

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name: Nyree Kang

phone: 567-6292

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I just would like to express that Akaku and its staff has been a positive influence to our community, here on Molokai. Students and adults have actively engaged in activities involving Akaku's services and has shown to be highly motivated. Akaku has motivated our community to the video productions as a cultural and lifestyle event. To be competitive would lose the whole idea or tradition on what Akaku has established. They already have contests that show eagerness and sportsmanship, but to lose what has already been started would be a terrible waste.

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**From:** noelangel2@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2006 9:44 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(noelangel2@yahoo.com) on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 19:44:02

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name: Noel Dupree  
hours: No Opinion  
equipment: No Opinion  
training: No Opinion  
knowledge: No Opinion  
overall: No Opinion  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes

Comments: Please exempt Akaku from the requirement that services be procured through competitive bid. It is imperative to keep public access PUBLIC and to keep our constitutional freedoms FREE!! By getting government so deeply involved in our public access programs, I feel there will be a lot of censorship, control and manipulation that will NOT serve the community and will be of much more harm than good. I am a viewer of the akaku stations, not one who creates the video programs to be viewed so I am unable to know of the quality of their services to the people who make videos for the air. That is why I marked no opinion on the first 5 questions of the survey. I do appreciate ALL the programming, including videos that I may disagree with. I like to know ALL opinions that are out there. I also like to know there is an avenue of expression for people who are passionate enough about a perhaps unpopular view to create a video. If someone cannot be heard at this level, they may take a more unpopular violent level of communication until they are heard. This public programming THE WAY IT IS NOW helps to create peace in our community. I am very disappointed with our state government officials for getting involved with what was originally a dispute among the board members (only 13 people!!!) of akaku in Maui County that really has nothing to do with the mission of akaku. I hope the State government will see this for what it is, see that the community does NOT want this station to go through a competitive bid process (especially to for profit businesses) and respect the views and votes of the public rather than a small disgruntled faction. What requirements should be included in the proposal?? First choice - EXEMPT AKAKU FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT SERVICES BE PROCURED THROUGH COMPETITIVE BID. Leave Akaku alone, leave it the way it is. The MAJORITY of the community are happy with Akaku!!!! Second choice - If you go ahead and go against the public wishes... A) Make the language very clear and very simple that the basic foundation processes will stay intact that are already in place at Akaku for NOT editing and NOT censoring the video tapes that are aired. B) If you insist on putting this up to bid, at least have the bidding available ONLY to non profit organizations.

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**From:** nancy sundberg [njsxpress@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 2:59 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** testimony 4 DCCA



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Hi,

I've attached a word doc with testimony for the DCCA.  
I wanted to send it to to you guys so you could see  
that it goes to the right place.Thanks, Nancy Sundberg

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**From:** mauipeaceaction@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 1:17 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mauipeaceaction@earthlink.net) on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 23:17:21

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name: Mele Stokesberry

phone: 573-3255

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: It's essential that Akaku remain as much an access for our community to  
televised communications as it is now, and as free of censorship. It is serving a vital  
need in Maui County - that of providing a critical outlet for free speech and a source of  
community-wide free education.

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**From:** marie@zeroimpactproductions.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 7:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(marie@zeroimpactproductions.com) on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 05:31:54

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name: Marie Le Boeuf

phone: 808 874 0461

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is an excellent source of information and works great the way it is!

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**From:** jon@bsd18.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 9:38 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jon.kona@hawaii.rr.com) on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 19:37:40

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name: Jon Sabati

phone: (808)896-0972

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Aloha, I am a producer at the Na Leo 'O Hawaii studio in Kona. I am very disappointed that a meeting (hearing) was not held in Kona. The public access channels are very important to the communities because it provides a valuable resource for producers to present information and educational programs to the communities. It also provides a very valuable resource to students who may want to learn about media production and camera operation which is not provided in our local public schools. My program provides students and participants the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in the performing arts via television. I do wish we had better advance equipment such as editing programs (including class instruction), lapel microphones, and tripods. I was told that on the other islands the edit bays are open on the weekends. It would be great if the edit bays on the Big Island would be open on the weekends for it would provide students a greater opportunity to use them. The public access tv programming is a valuable asset to the community and I hope that it may continue in doing so. I Thank You for the opportunity to voice my opinion and concerns. Mahalo! Jon Sabati

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Public Comments

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**From:** gina enzweiler [GINAEEE@YAHOO.COM]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2006 1:15 PM  
**To:** cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Cc:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** Protect Our Media Freedoms...

Aloha to all concerned,  
AKAKU is and has been a VITAL component to our community's FREEDOM OF SPEECH. The services provided have been HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL and NECESSARY in the process of keeping the "doors open" in an otherwise "locked down" world of commercial television. WE NEED AKAKU! Akaku is a must for Maui County. If we loose it, we all loose BIG TIME. Supporting Akaku is the BEST DECISION the DCCA can make for Maui County residents. Akaku needs to get back to focus. To be FUNDED FULLY in efforts to grow to even higher heights. Do not destroy this WELL DESERVING ORGANIZATION and it's wide range of necessary services. To do so would be a great injustice to all Maui County residents. WE NEED MORE NOT LESS SUPPORT FOR AKAKU. WE NEED AKAKU!!!

I am a long time resident of Maui over 20 years. I have taken classes at and used Akaku facility often. I have also taken media classes at MCC. I worked in the media department at both Akaku and MCC. In comparison. Akaku offered a lot more with a lot less ( funding ). MCC has so much state of the art equipment that has yet to be fully implemented, whereas Akaku uses every resource to it's fullest. The resources at MCC are out of touch unless you can afford high tuition fees. At Akaku anyone, any age can access the technology for a reasonable cost. Our world is technical. Our kids need access. Akaku is a major link for Maui County. Mahalo for your time and concern.  
Gina Enzweiler

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**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2006 11:52 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(badminton13@earthlink.net) on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 21:51:57

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name: Kim Compoc

phone: 276-2288

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: We have no TV coverage on Maui except for Akaku. We need to protect this vital  
community resource, not punish it with these distractions.

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 8:14 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 06:14:20

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name: Terry Lee Poaipuni

phone: 248-8910

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The Hana community utilizes the services of Oceanic Time Warner Cablevision due to our isolation. We are fortunate to have Akaku because they are not afraid to present issues that are important to us. Akaku also did an excellent job of making public Hana Schools dilemma with Administration two years ago. That issue got resolved real fast. The RFP process is just another way for the state/gov. to take controll of our public access television. Is it because they don't like what's being publicized? I must say mahalo nui, Akaku. Keep up the good work. Malama Pono.

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Public Comments

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2006 10:17 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 08:17:17

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name: Mary-Maui

hours: Somewhat Dissatisfied

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Somewhat Dissatisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Satisfied

exempted: No

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(How do you rate) The quality of training provided	1) Strongly satisfied ✓	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
How knowledgeable is our staff?	1) Extremely knowledgeable ✓	2) Somewhat knowledgeable	3) OK	4) Somewhat unknowledgeable	5) Extremely unknowledgeable	6) No opinion
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How would you rate the value of Akaku to our community?	1) Very valuable ✓	2) Somewhat valuable	3) OK	4) Minimal value	5) No Value	6) No opinion
<b>Should Akaku be exempted from the competitive bid process?</b>	1) Yes ✓	2) No	3) No Opinion			

Comment(s):  
 AKAKU IS THE MOST VALUABLE MEANS WE HAVE IN MAUI COUNTY FOR MANAO AND ALOHA. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY ~~FOR~~ OF VIEWING HUMANS "HONEST" IMPRESSIONS (FREE OF TYPICAL SENSURING AND GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE). AKAKU HAS BEEN REFRESHING AND HIGHLY INFORMATIVE.  
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**Your responses to these questions are optional**

Your Name SUSAN K. THOMAS  
 Your email address omsweetom13@yahoo.com  
 Your phone number (808) 268-3570

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Comment(s):  
*leave Akaku alone. They have been doing a great job for the community. It is essential to continue this type of service to the community. We need Akaku!!*  
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Your Name           *Rochele Ashana*            
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment(s): *Akakus existence is essential and crucial to the citizens of Maui. It is our means of expressing our views.*

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 Your email address kvaer@yahoo.com  
 Your phone number (808) 267-2574

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Comment(s):

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Your Name Kimo RIGGENBACH  
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 276-7540

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<b>Should Akaku be exempted from the competitive bid process?</b>	1) Yes	2) No	3) No Opinion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Comment(s):

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
 PO Box 541  
 Honolulu, HI 96809

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# Akaku Public Input Survey

## To complete this survey online visit [www.akaku.org/survey](http://www.akaku.org/survey)

Akaku encourages your participation in the following survey. Please return this form to Akaku and your comments and results will be shared with the DCCA

Do our hours of operation satisfy your needs?	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied ✓	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The availability and quality of our equipment	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK ✓	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The quality of training provided	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion ✓
How knowledgeable is our staff?	1) Extremely knowledgeable	2) Somewhat knowledgeable ✓	3) OK	4) Somewhat unknowledgeable	5) Extremely unknowledgeable	6) No opinion
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Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** schneidea001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:44 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(schneidea001@hawaii.rr.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:44:10  
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name: Michael Schneider

phone: 879-3826

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I served my country for four years, not to protect the American people (who don't deserve it) but to protect the freedoms and liberty that the constitution provides, as was dictated to me. If you let the most important freedom we share to erode into a competitive process as a capitalist endeavor then the money and power will prevail, and the only voice heard will be that of those with special interest in economic profits. Voices of the people must be heard and shared in order to represent a true democracy.  
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Survey Result

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**From:** misotov@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:20 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(misotov@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:20:12

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name: maria chang

phone: 575-9763

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: To require competitive bid on a yearly basis or anything under ten years would be unreasonable as the time and materials that are required to establish a functioning public access operation is too lengthy and state RFP process too cumbersome and too unpredictable. The way that the public access is set up now through AKAKU is more than effective in meeting the needs of the PEG goals. In addition, maybe DCCA should be requiring more money to be given from cable access providers since education feels they need more. As well, I have been watching both sides of the argument over at AKAKU, from education, development and AKAKU board members and it definitely appears that foul play is afoot from the developer and education aspect. This matter needs to be resolved by DCCA and not courts as it could be tied up in court for a long time and the plaintiffs have no grounds for suit. As we can see by Cordoza's recent ruling requesting mediation and not forwarding the case for judgment!

I am absolutely astounded that DCCA has allowed these other parties [development interests (i.e. Charley Jenks and Dowling)] to wreck havoc on an organization that has been functioning for over nine years with an impeccable record.

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**From:** creativeiris@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:12 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(creativeiris@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:12:02

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hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is a great asset to this community.

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Survey Result

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**From:** greg@mauibeachguy.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:10 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(greg@mauibeachguy.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:10:24

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name: Greg J. Pereira

phone: 8088746964

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Please don't mess with my Akaku! I watch everyday, from the weather to Maui Co.Commission meetings to the interviews with the old timers in the sugar plantation industry. I even watch the two idiots on Molokai, "Dumb and Dumber". There are many gov't shows I enjoy. Mahalo

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Survey Result

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**From:** EllenFeatherArt@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:10 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(EllenFeatherArt@verizon.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:09:40

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name: Ellen Levinsky

phone: 661-8410

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: has been developiing to the level they are at today. It does not make sense to put the money out to bid, and possibly another group would do a lower bid and start from square one. AKAKU, OLELO, and the others have dedicated employees doing the job, and should be allowed to continue doing it for continuity. Thank you for this survey.

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Survey Result

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**From:** lila@loveshackmaui.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:59 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(lila@loveshackmaui.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:59:02

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name: Lila Sherman

phone: (808)573-0303

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: competitive bidding will assure that the golden rule applies.. Whoever has the most gold rules!! And rule they will!!!

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Survey Result

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**From:** qrachelle@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 2:14 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(qrachelle@hotmail.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 00:13:40

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name: Rachelle Quinn

phone: 891-2437

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Aloha,

Akaku gives a voice to the people which is rare these days. The big money and the government appear to have most of the power. Or at least people perceive it this way because not enough citizens get involved. Akahu is something that remains for the people and I think that is a wonderful thing; to be protected and utilized. We need to fight to keep Akaku. We elect the officials who have the power to take it away. It is up to the people to save Akaku and stand up for something we believe in.

Mahalo,

Rachelle Quinn

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:26 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:26:05

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name: Carlos

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: Somewhat Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: The board sucks!get new people in who ARE qualified! and Hawaiians!

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 22:24:05

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name: Linda

hours: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Somewhat Dissatisfied

knowledge: Strongly Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Satisfied

exempted: No

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**From:** stephen@shootingstarsphotography.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:40 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(stephen@shootingstarsphotography.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:39:48

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name: Stephen Holding

phone: 808-875-1388

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Because of its cultural & ethnic base blending in a way that is unique to any other community in the world, Maui is much more than a small town with small town problems.

The funnction of cable access is even more profound in an area that is as diverse as this 800 or so sq. miles in the middle of the Pacific.

Hawaiian sovereignty, Filipino Pride, Tongan music and rich mainland land grabbers all need a voice because there are ears that need and want what is being said. That is only possible through Akaku.

DCCA needs to see the big picture of what is being offered and what is at stake if the "essence" of Akaku & cable access is changed from its present form and standing.

Mahalo, Stephen Holding (shootingstarsphotography.com)

Feel free to quote this e-mail.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:33 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:32:32

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hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: OK

knowledge: OK

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** N/A@bsd18.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:31 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(N/A) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:31:01

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name: George Makekau

phone: 280-6230

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: My family and I have watch akaku programs through the pass years and we strongly feel that akaku has laid down a strong foundation in several catagories; educational, historical, grovernment and in freedom of speech programs are all eye opener informations and knowledge. These are just hand full of programs which are shown everyday. We feel akaku programs has succeeded beyond the requirements in every aspect. The programs are essentriial knowledge to my family and to anyone who wants to be educated and who are concern with our community. We don't know what the state is deciding to do! But I do know akaku programs has pleased my family and I, also we consider akaku an "outstanding television station to watch"! It would be a crime and tragedy for the personnel on the DCCA board to cancel akaku contract and contract an unknown bidder.

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**From:** naia96708@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:28 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(naia96708@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:27:57

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name: Nadine Newlight

phone: 808-244-6119

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: Sorry, I don'y know about this last one.

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**From:** pamf1021@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:19 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(pamf1021@aol.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:19:13

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name: Pamela Flattich

phone: 875-0444

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The ability of the community to have events, parks and people videoed for free is invaluable. The ability to have free speech in this climate is priceless. The ability of Akaku to keep the community connected and together, everlasting. KEEP AKAKU FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, OF THE PEOPLE!

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Survey Result

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**From:** ktk@biodiesel.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:14 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ktk@biodiesel.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:14:25

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name: Kelly King

phone: 808-874-5703

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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**From:** csgentz@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:11 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(csgentz@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:11:11

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name: Carol S. Gentz

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** aimbeyond@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:04 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(aimbeyond@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:04:13

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name: Alison Miller

phone: 808-269-2324

hours: No Opinion

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** mcfadden@maui.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:03 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mcfadden@maui.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 21:02:35

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name: Bonnie McFadden

phone: 808 572 2400

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is providing a much needed service to the Maui community. It is carrying out its function in supplying training and facilities to the public to enable them to produce their own programs. It is also allowing the public to access hundreds of important videos and films. We need to keep Akaku in place and increase its budget so it can upgrade its equipment and supply additional services to the community. I urge you to keep Akaku as Maui's community access provider.

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**From:** paulcarter@tranceandhealing.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 10:51 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(paulcarter@tranceandhealing.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 20:50:58

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name: Dr. Paul Carter

phone: 572 2158

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** mpd0110@cs.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 10:50 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mpd0110@cs.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 20:49:51

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name: Lia

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: OK

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku should stay as our free public access stations only because IT'S OUR RIGHT! The first amendment states the freedom of speech. If Akaku is taken from the public community then how is the public supposed to help educate, encourage and enlighten the community we all live in. It's a means to get your voice heard, your message understood and your will to bring to this world whatever it is that you bring, may it be through song, dance, teaching, preaching or even debating. Public access is called that because it gives access to the public on both the media and user ends. We need Akaku just like Akaku needs us, and if we keep Akaku alive then we all win!

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**From:** mlamore21@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 10:46 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mlamore21@aol.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 20:45:46

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name: Mark Lamore

phone: 878-8865

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: A competitive bid process will only give access to those with \$  
who will tell only what they want to tell and how they  
want to tell it.

Community TV should be for all in the community not just the rich,  
we have enough of that already on the islands.

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Survey Result

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**From:** maupilates@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 10:23 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(maupilates@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 20:23:20

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name: Evelina Bondar

phone: 808-280-6249

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** Molokai Advertiser-News (aka The MAN) George Peabody [molokaiman@usermail.flex.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 5:48 PM  
**To:** cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov; info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** AKAKU-DCCA

**Importance:** High

Dear DCCA : the community TV access services currently provided by Akaku are excellent, innovative, and very open and Citizen friendly. I would hate to see a competitive bid process, or request for proposal (RFP) process change the focus to money instead of this wonderful service now provided by AKAKU; a process that could potentially result in the removal of Akaku as Maui County's public access television provider.

The only improvement I see that AKAKU should have is ability to air AKAKU programs STATEWIDE instead of limited to cable on Maui/Molokai/Lanai. Lets get a regular broadcaste antenna and blast the truth from the People to compete with the government controlled fascist TV commercial stations. AKAKU programs by the People will draw audiences away from stupid commercial TV.....guarantee!

OLELO does a great job, too. Maybe these two could work together to cover Maui and Oahu?

aloha,

George Peabody editor for the Molokai Advertiser-News  
<http://www.MolokaiAdvertiserNews.com>  
HC01 Box 770  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

808-558-8253



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**From:** Kabba Anand [kabba@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 10:34 AM  
**To:** cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Cc:** info@akaku.org; Linda Lingle; Alan Arakawa; JoAnne Johnson; Ed Case  
**Subject:** Testimony for public hearing on Wednesday February 15, 2006 at 4:00 pm regarding threatened RFP process for services currently being provided in Maui County by Akaku.  
**Importance:** Low

**Testimony for public hearing on Wednesday February 15, 2006 at 4:00 pm regarding threatened RFP process for services currently being provided in Maui County by Akaku.**

**Dr. Kabba Anand, D.Ac.  
1250 Olinda Rd.  
Makawao, HI. 96768  
808-572-2562**

February 12, 2006

Cable Television Division  
DCCA  
POB 541  
Honolulu, HI. 96809  
Fax: (808) 586-2625

Testimony for February 15, 2006, 4:00 pm

Cable Television Division:

I am writing today in the hope that you will consider seeking an exemption from the requirement that the services provided by Akaku be procured through a competitive bid process (RFP). A drastic change of direction at this time will be detrimental to the services currently available to residents of Maui County.

Akaku is an organization that people trust and has delivered non-discriminatory PEG access to community communications media. No other replacement entity will be able to offer the experience and skill that Akaku currently possesses.

DCCA self-sufficiency objectives may be seriously compromised if the service organization changes every few years. For almost a decade, Akaku has provided award-winning access services.

Cable franchise fees are not part of the State general fund, and therefore should not be subject to a competitive bid process (RFP). I have been involved in many RFP's, and not only will this prove to be a tedious and expensive undertaking, but may ultimately jeopardize the quality of access and programming currently offered.

2/15/2006

I hope that you reconsider your decision to seek an RFP for services currently provided by Akaku. It appears that their Board of Directors is working in unison and moving forward in a good direction under the guidance of qualified legal counsel. Please do not interfere at this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kabba Anand, D.Ac.

**Ramoda P. Anand  
1250 Olinda Rd.  
Makawao, HI. 96768  
808-572-2562**

February 12, 2006

Cable Television Division  
DCCA  
POB 541  
Honolulu, HI. 96809  
Fax: (808) 586-2625

Testimony for February 15, 2006, 4:00 pm

Cable Television Division:

Have you ever watched the programming at Akaku? If you haven't, here's what you might find: Maui County Council meetings, Maui Community College programming, public access films, dance performances and art shows, political interest programming, etc.

As a physically handicapped Maui resident, I have found Akaku to be a wonderful educational establishment, and have been able to get my voice heard in the community. Our first amendment guarantees us the right to free speech. Please do not jeopardize my first amendment rights by offering up Akaku to the highest bidder.

Sincerely,

Ramoda Anand  
Maui Community College student

2/15/2006

**Ramoda P. Anand  
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February 12, 2006

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Testimony for February 15, 2006, 4:00 pm

Cable Television Division:

Have you ever watched the programming at Akaku? If you haven't, here's what you might find: Maui County Council meetings, Maui Community College programming, public access films, dance performances and art shows, political interest programming, etc.

As a physically handicapped Maui resident, I have found Akaku to be a wonderful educational establishment, and have been able to get my voice heard in the community. Our first amendment guarantees us the right to free speech. Please do not jeopardize my first amendment rights by offering up Akaku to the highest bidder.

Sincerely,

Ramoda Anand  
Maui Community College student

**Dr. Kabba Anand, D.Ac.  
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Cable Television Division:

I am writing today in the hope that you will consider seeking an exemption from the requirement that the services provided by Akaku be procured through a competitive bid process (RFP). A drastic change of direction at this time will be detrimental to the services currently available to residents of Maui County.

Akaku is an organization that people trust and has delivered non-discriminatory PEG access to community communications media. No other replacement entity will be able to offer the experience and skill that Akaku currently possesses.

DCCA self-sufficiency objectives may be seriously compromised if the service organization changes every few years. For almost a decade, Akaku has provided award-winning access services.

Cable franchise fees are not part of the State general fund, and therefore should not be subject to a competitive bid process (RFP). I have been involved in many RFP's, and not only will this prove to be a tedious and expensive undertaking, but may ultimately jeopardize the quality of access and programming currently offered.

I hope that you reconsider your decision to seek an RFP for services currently provided by Akaku. It appears that their Board of Directors is working in unison and moving forward in a good direction under the guidance of qualified legal counsel. Please do not interfere at this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kabba Anand, D.Ac.

February 15, 2006

To: Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Re: PEG Funding Exemption Testimony

I am submitting this written testimony in regards to the recent request for community feedback to determine whether PEG funding is to be an open RFP process and should there be exceptions to this action.

To give a simple yes or no response to this matter is to not fully understand what you are asking. My perspective stems from being an Akaku: Community Television producer and a Media Literacy program director and service provider for the Hui Malama Learning Center. While I do not speak on behalf of my employer it is important to note that our programs serve as a safety net of educational services for not only the youth on Maui from whom the traditional school system cannot serve but also adults challenged with literacy and immigrants seeking to improve their the use of the English language.

My formal training and education are in the fields of film production, radio broadcasting and public health. When I moved to Maui years ago after residing in cities such as New York, Chicago, Dallas and Portland I found myself thoroughly impressed with the community cable access services provided by Akaku and other Hawaii cable access stations. I was introduced to these by my auntie who is a health educator for Maui Community College and who appears regularly on the distance learning channel.

For the last 2 years I have taken every certification program offered by Akaku, worked closely with every member of their staff and contracted their expertise on numerous occasions. With Akaku as an educational partner during this last school year we offered our students at Hui Malama, who are outside the DOE and thus ineligible to take DOE offered media classes, the opportunity to become certified cable access producers. We held classes at four different service sites on Maui in Makawao, Kihei, Kahului and Wailuku.

Akaku provided all of the critical technical assistance and key program facilitation for us to certify 30 youth between the ages of 11-17. To say that the coordination and facilitation of these classes was demanding would be a grave understatement. Akaku staff, most especially their Education

Coordinator, consistently delivered professional services above and beyond the scope of our contractual agreement. It was astoundingly clear that Akaku as an agency has a passion for sharing their resources and equipping their students with the best they have to offer.

The success of this partnership was recently shared in a free community event held at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center where 40 youth produced video shorts and Public Service Announcements were showcased to hundreds of peoples.

As a business professional, educator and public health community activist I rely on the services Akaku provides me to do my work and in so doing train others. It is a most affordable and rewarding experience to have them as my instructors, technical support and collaborators. I cannot praise them highly enough.

That said, you might expect me to shout out a reverberating "Exemption!" in support of Akaku in the PEG funding RFP process, far from it. I would instead recommend to you a completely difference scenario altogether.

I understand RFP processes all too well as I manage several private foundation and state funded grants myself totaling 100s of thousands of dollars. While the RFP process in regards to PEG funding might provide distinct benefits I believe by its' mere administration the costs involved it will drain vital funding away from the services it was meant to support. Additionally the RFP process would make PEG funding vulnerable to government and corporate interests thus undermining the community powerbase it was created to strengthen.

Instead I believe the existing PEG funding allocation should continue in similar way but with some distinct differences to stave off RFP administrative costs and reduce the risk of having the resources plundered by private interests. My suggestions are as follows:

- **Strengthen support in the communities these funds were meant to serve.** Each county can create their own PEG funding Community Television Oversight Committee (CTOC) comprised of the people who actually use and receive the services provided. For instance on Maui this would be Akaku certified producers and students from MCC and the DOE. Each service provider, through their own democratic process, can provide for their representation.

- **Fund providers according to deliverable services.** *Rather than a predetermined percentage split of PEG funding to all service providers, such as in Maui's case the 33% between MCC, DOE and Akaku, instead base the percentages on actual numbers served in the previous year(s) and potential numbers to be served for projected years. These numbers can be determined and verified by ongoing reports to and sites visits by the CTOC.*
- **Plan for the future.** *Develop a 5-year statewide strategic plan with all of the county CTOCs utilizing a consulting firm with expertise in PEG funding. Make drafts available for input and feedback by the communities served.*

I do not believe that private corporations, school and non-profit boards or CEOs of any kind should be making these decisions. Our students and our community participants have the aptitude and clarity needed in these matters that so closely affect their lives.

I make these suggestions as an alternative to what I have read is being considered. I am concerned with the entire notion of exemptions as I fear this act will create resentment within the communities and destabilize partnerships by PEG funded service providers. I believe through supportive cooperation and collaboration we will be much more likely to actualize this vital community resource.

Thank you,

Peta Mni  
Educator & Community Access Television Producer

Survey Result

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**From:** huladog1@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:43 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(huladog1@earthlink.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:43:28

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name: Irene Bowie

phone: 268.0303

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: not sure what other entities would come into the bid process; will probably attend meeting

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Survey Result

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**From:** wkhiguchi@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:43 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(wkhiguchi@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:43:01

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name: Wes Higuchi

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: No Opinion

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: My opinion is that the situation at Akaku warrants outside intervention. Other than the government meetings and education shows, the majority of the programming that I see on the Akaku channels is not very good in quality or content and does not add value to our community. I would prefer seeing more money going to the government and education shows and less on the "public".

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**From:** johnsonj031@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 9:33 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(johnsonj031@hawaii.rr.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 07:33:21  
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name: Jo Anne Johnson

phone: 808-661-3237

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The service provided is not only unique but it is a collaborative effort on the part of many of Maui's citizen volunteers and it is accessible to all those who abide by a clear set of operational rules as well as code of conduct.

The services provided to government have been invaluable as an educational tool and also in helping to permit transparency in the entire process.

The monies that AKAKU receives are utilized in the most efficient manner and without the volunteer work that is provided by those who care about our community, we would lose our connection to the public.

To put the community access contracts out to bid would not only be a disservice to AKAKU but would be a hardship on the public that is so well served by them.

The PEG monies are critical to allowing an alternative to those who can afford college courses and also have the time to attend such courses at the hours offered. While AKAKU has classes that are subject to a schedule, their entire operation is geared to fit around the community rather than having the community fit their schedules around their services.

I cannot imagine a more important or unique service within Maui County and as an elected official, to even have this come up for discussion shows a complete lack of understanding of the subject of self-determination/direction.

As a separate and unique community, we do not wish to be governed by Oahucentric thinking and despite the opinion received, it is just that - an opinion and until a legal challenge in the courts determines otherwise, it is inappropriate to disrespect the wishes of the community which is most impacted by a decision that is not demanded by our citizenry or even welcomed.

I view this action as one that is most difficult to comprehend when the theme of most state actions has been centered upon home rule. Let the people of Maui decide what is best for us and let things sort themselves out.

Also, it is inappropriate to have members who have a clear conflict of interest to vote

on issues which do not support the mission and goals of AKAKU. To have anyone who potentially will be impacted in funding through a competitive process and who has a duty and obligation to protect their own institution's best interests is in clear conflict when an oath is taken. While they may serve as an advisory body in cooperation with AKAKU it is not proper to have them voting on measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely, Jo Anne Johnson

P.S. I would never have been elected if it were not for the public access forums and equal time allotted to candidates during elections.

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**From:** happyjumpingfrog@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 6:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(happyjumpingfrog@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 04:32:10

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name: Rose Zeitler

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku shares important information with the community, and should not be changed. It is good just the way it is, and would be costly, time consuming, and not practical at all.

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**From:** insyst@maui.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 6:22 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(insyst@maui.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 04:21:33

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name: martha Burton

phone: 808-876-0770

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I feel that Akaku should be EXEMPT from the requirement that services provided by Akaku and other PEG access centers be procured through a competitive bid process. Peg access services are uniquely local in character for each island community and in order to fully meet community communications needs, these services must be provided with the guidance of local boards of directors. The DCCA can see that this is working in the best interest of the public and should grant the exemption. Thank you, Martha L. Burton

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**From:** munchies\_chick\_808@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 5:49 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(munchies\_chick\_808@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 03:48:42

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name: Markelle Ruggiero

phone: 808-214-4013

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: As a teen i enjoy watching the akaku stations. It has inspired me to take video class so i can express my feelings and open the eyes of other people just like how the "Hemo wai braddahs "do. People may think that akaku station isn't important but they don't realize that teens do whatch this station and learn things. Watching the "Moloka'i skater boys" has inspired a few of my friends to do skate boarding and i'm glad cause there not out doin' drugs. The music that is played during the breaks are so sweet and lovely (especially when they play the Makaha Sons of Ni'ihau). Sometimes i just turn to akaku to hear the music. Without Akaku we (Na keiki) will just be watching same old M.T.V. music videos, stupid dating games, and sex & violence. (which is provided on T.V.) These regular shows will just inspire us na keikis to become cheesy dancer girls for videos or other things. Honestly i think that akaku stations are very important and i hope that the islands will still have akaku!

. I apologize for i will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow but i hope some will take my letter in to cosideration and hear & understand what i am trying to say! Mahalo Nui Loa!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:06 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 05:06:06

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hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Somewhat Dissatisfied

knowledge: Strongly Dissatisfied

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Akaku has not served the community well. The open access without responsibility behind the statements and accusations offers no merit to society and provides a forum for the self serving producers to demean community members without facts.

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**From:** rarebros.rarebros@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 6:45 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(rarebros.rarebros@verizon.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 04:45:25  
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name: rudy ramirez

phone: (808) 572 3655

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: there should be no corporate control or input into this valuable resource. The State should have no authority or control. Freedom of speech is the first priority without limitation.  
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**From:** zoeminer@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:29 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(zoeminer@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 05:28:59

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name: James & Zoe Miner

phone: 572-9049

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku provides unique and valuable programming which is essential for the dissemination of the diversity of ideas within our community. We strongly recommend that Akaku be allowed to continue offering these services.

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**From:** goodwin@maui.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:23 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(goodwin@maui.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 05:23:29

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name: kathym McBride

phone: 572-1711

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: OK

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I have only had the pleasure of using the studio once, for a TV video for a non-profit fundraiser. It was a great experience and very educational. The staff was very professional. Akaku is a great place for non-profits to get the word out.

I am very concerned about the regular TV programming. I watch several shows every day and every week. It would be a great loss in my life to not have these shows available (Democracy Now, Astrology with Rollin Frost, Crossroads, Maui Talks).

I would be afraid that if a private party was to manage Akaku, that some of the services for non-profits/schools and programming (Free Speech TV) would be lost.

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**From:** sprinkled001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 9:27 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sprinkled001@hawaii.rr.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 07:26:40

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name: Don Sprinkle

phone: 808.669.8436

hours: Somewhat Dissatisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: Somewhat Dissatisfied

knowledge: OK

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: I think the quality of your programing is very poor. I have never been able to sit through a single program produced by Akaku. I am offended that I have to pay twice to watch the county govt. meeting. (Once with cable fees and once through my tax \$\$ being paid to Akaku.) I think you should want to share the \$\$ with the educators, let them do what your staff can't do, produce quality educational programing. If you were really interested in meeting the need of the community you would show it through your actions. I find it interesting that Buck Joiner has written to the Maui News re: your previous leader. Buck Joiner is a straight shooter!  
Please mark me down as someone who doesn't appreciate what you have done in the past few years.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 9:04 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 07:03:33

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hours: No Opinion

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Somewhat Dissatisfied

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Strongly Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Highly dysfunctional Board of Directors, audio & video programming quality is frequently very poor, content of broadcasts frequently very offensive, vulgar and disagreeable.

Programming should be limited to education and government.

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**From:** hinahina@aloha.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 8:02 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hinahina@aloha.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 06:01:46

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name: Albert Pu

phone: 808-567-6215

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: AKAKU is very important to all of Maui County and Molokai i for one enjoy  
AKAKU'S program for i work and live in Kalaupapa Kalawoa County.they have GOOD quality  
servic and educational programs.this is my way of keeping in view to whats going on  
outside AKAKU keeping comeing thank you!!!!

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**From:** justinmaui@juno.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(justinmaui@juno.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 05:50:04

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name: Justin Breidenthal

phone: 808-669-5179

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: It seems interesting that only now after it has been brought to fruition that other interests would be so quick to take it over. Where were they when all the hard work was being done to make Akaku what it is. I don't think they were even aware that public access was a thing to be interested in.

The Dept. of Education gets millions from State and Federal Government to support their programs yet they seem to want more money that in my opinion doesn't belong to them. Akaku has been doing tremendous things in the area of education. I think this might be the real problem. Some self serving interest wish to quell free speech, something that Akaku takes pride in supporting. Free speech is a fundamental right that all United States Citizens share. Just because you don't like the message, doesn't mean you shut down the messenger. And any one in an elected office better remember who put them there and respect the wishes of the people. Akaku has done more for the local Government than many of the people working in it. I can think of many times when I was turned off to the station due to the large portion dedicated to Government related programming. But I now realize the importance of it! We have the opportunity to peek in on what's happening in a council meeting or many othe!

r types. The bottom line is if it's not broke, don't fix it. I've heard it a thousand times. Makes sense! I love Akaku! I have been a producer for a little over a year now and have learned so many valuable things. Real things. Usable things. When you volunteer to produce things for the public it helps you connect with the public. After all we are all the Public. So leave public access alone.

As far as the Cable companies are concerened, I think we know they owe us Big Time for using Public Lands to make their business dreams come true. I guess they forget their roots, like so many other Corporations that have systematically sold out the American way of life in the name of money. This is where we draw the line! Enough is enough! Leave Akaku alone!

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**From:** mrbillneumann@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:37 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mrbillneumann@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 05:36:39

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name: William Neumann

phone: (808) 874-9189

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: OK

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** mausarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:44 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mausarah@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 19:44:20

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name: Sarah Schuck

phone: 579-8012

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** seanlester@ieee.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:28 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(seanlester@ieee.org) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 19:28:02

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name: Sean Lester

phone: 283-2483

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Please do not mess with our successful and vital local access television. Many, many hours of volunteer work goes into the making of a successful station like this - and we really need the station to not only survive, but to thrive. Give them all they need to get all the funding they want.

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**From:** jonatallman@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jonatallman@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 19:06:32

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name: Jon Tallman

phone: 808 3445012

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Aloha Friends,Iam sadened as to the fear the state Dcca has about our station.I will pray for quick resolution.Your friend and suporter Jon

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**From:** pool@maui.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(pool@maui.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 19:02:36

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name: Patric R. Brock

phone: 808 879-0250

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** ed\_caga@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 8:34 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ed\_caga@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 18:34:10

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name: ed cagasan

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I think you guys (AKAKU) are doing an excellent job and your station covers what I often watch are the Maui Council Meetings and the "Kupunas talk story" of the olden days since I am from that era. Thank you for preserving what will be a visual and verbal history of what Hawaii was. Do not let the powers to be conquer what you have worked so hard for. Mahalo!

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**From:** sd3@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 7:53 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sd3@hawaii.rr.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 17:53:12

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name: susan Douglas

phone: (808) 879-1112

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I encourage the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to seek an exemption from the requirement that the services provided by Akaku (and other Public, Education and Government (PEG) access centers across the state) be procured through a competitive bid process (RFP). However, in the event that the DCCA should choose to design an RFP process, national experts in the area of PEG services should be consulted to draft and recommend RFP's based on "best practice" working models. PEG Access Boards and the public on each island must have full participation and approval of RFP, and public hearings must be held before any plan is implemented by DCCA. Thank you, Susan Douglas, Kihei, Maui

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**From:** peter@creativity.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 7:36 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(peter@creativity.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 17:36:17

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name: Peter H Rosen

phone: 8088754747

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: I am an Akaku producer. I haven't worked there because I found the "attitude" by some of the staff (probably no longer there) abusive and condescending. Other than that, I think AKAKU provides a great service to those wanting to talk story beyond the reach of their immediate family and friends. Its a great vehicle to stay informed about community issues and affairs. It is a great training ground for young people, entering the world of self expression and digital storytelling. The equipment, especially on the audio side was/is a bit funky. I have been plagued 50% of the time by sound cutting out, crackles and pops creeping into the audio stream during production.

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Survey Result

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**From:** ajkoller@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 7:00 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ajkoller@verizon.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 17:00:04

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name: Andrew Koller

phone: 572-4044

hours: Strongly Dissatisfied

equipment: OK

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: OK

exempted: No

Comments: Akaku should put much moree of its efforts into providing live coverage of county meetings, including all Council committiee meetings. Stop re-airing the mayor's speeches from six months or one year ago.

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Survey Result

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**From:** tilemail@ptd.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:24 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(tilemail@ptd.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 10:24:02

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name: Beth Starbuck

phone: 610-866-6321

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** phitechmaui1@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 11:17 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(phitechmaui1@verizon.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 09:17:27

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name: Earl F. Snyder

phone: 808-572-4000

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 08:49:46

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: Continue Akaku as the eyes, ears, and voice of the people. We need equal access to communicate community concerns against the high-powered, backed by big money, commercialism in our islands.

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Survey Result

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**From:** waipalani@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:38 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(waipalani@verizon.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 08:38:21

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name: Brendan Stevens

phone: 5722438

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Please keep democracy now on the air  
Mahalo

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Survey Result

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**From:** ronsturtz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:03 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ronsturtz@aol.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 08:02:52

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name: Ron Sturtz

phone: 891-0425

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** bbias2002@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 3:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(bbias2002@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 01:32:16

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name: Bonnie Bias

phone: 8088742482

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The Akaku staff has always been accessible and extrememly generous with their knowledge. Pete Sullivan is a community treasure!

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Survey Result

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**From:** lefebvre@iwavesolutoins.com.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 3:53 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(lefebvre@iwavesolutoins.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 01:53:26

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name: Marc Lefebvre

phone: (808)871-4917

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** jill.sullivan@grandwailea.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 3:37 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jill.sullivan@grandwailea.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 01:37:23

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name: Jill Sullivan

phone: 874-2362

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is very valuable to the community. The services provided are educational, informative and provide a variety of opportunities for individuals that are not provided in the community. The staff are extremely dedicated and underpaid. Take money away from DOE who wastes it on administration that are unfriendly and provide little or no customer service when put to the test.

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Survey Result

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**From:** mudsliderex@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 4:25 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mudsliderex@aol.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 02:24:52

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name: steve welch

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: i will be there to show support on the 15

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Survey Result

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**From:** brightpath9@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 4:23 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(brightpath9@earthlink.net ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 02:22:36

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name: Trisha Anderson

phone: 244-9016

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku belongs to us, the citizens of Maui County. I depend on channels 52, 53 and 54 for news and information, uncorrupted by commercial and corporate interests. Akaku is truly Community TV.

I work for Unity Church of Maui. I have trained to become a producer at Akaku. It was excellent and affordable training. We need to broaden access by citizens such as myself (61 years old), not be closing down the options available to us. The media is owned by conglomerates and I see that same mentality wanting to take Akaku from Ms average citizen, like myself. Allow the mediation process a chance to work. It works! Aloha, Trisha

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 3:57 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 01:56:55

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name: Francis Garcia

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: No Opinion

knowledge: OK

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** simong001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 5:38 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(simong001@hawaii.rr.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 03:38:07

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name: George T Simon

phone: 808-283-1014

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku has a very good history of providing great local television to the local community. It operates on a minimum budget that is a very good value and a great asset to Maui.

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Survey Result

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**From:** laynanak@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 5:08 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(laynanak@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 03:08:10

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name: Carlayna Nakamura

phone: 871-9271

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I think Akaku should comply with the requirements that would be put into a competitive RFP but since it is the only public access television that we have on the island, completing the RFP would take away valuable time from staff at Akaku and those at the State level - This time I think could be better spent in helping/supporting Akaku staff in acquiring necessary resources (consultants for strategic planning, funds for equipment etc) to meet their goals in terms of service for the community

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Survey Result

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**From:** paragon32@msn.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 5:04 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(paragon32@msn.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 03:03:43

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name: T. Barnes

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** allaroundwaterman@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:44 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(allaroundwaterman@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 23:43:36

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name: Carlton SK Helm

phone: 808-268-9865

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I'm a Molokai resident and strongly support freedom of speech & everything Akaku stand for. No one can and should replace Akaku.

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Survey Result

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**From:** gaikala@hilpt.org.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 2:04 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(gaikala@hilpt.org) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 00:03:44

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name: George M. Akaila Sr.

phone: 357-0782

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Akaku has opened doors for people to express their feelings and to bring the truth about whats happening around us to the public, it also has great educational programs that teaches about the different cultuals of Hawaii and its people. To lost AKAKU would be like to subpress the truth and we know, that this is all about keeping the public from knowing about there history and cultual. AKAKU has quality programing and the engineering staff has show there knowledge in bringing good and entertaining programs to the public.To the committee of the Department of Commerce and Comsumer Affairs please do not take away our acess to freedom of expression which I feel is slowly being undermined by a small minded group of people that will drag you into there way of thinging, stand for freedom of expression with the handful of people that love AKAKU. MAHALO

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 3:06 PM  
**To:** Info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 01:06:10

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hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: We like it just the way it is, leave it alone, please!

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Survey Result

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**From:** pesto@aloha.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 3:29 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(pesto@aloha.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 01:29:17

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name: Julie Lopez

phone: 8085676518

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku organization in the community presents the needs of the local communities in Maui County. It provides a avenue for all of the communities in Maui County to learn about what is happening in our back yard. Whether it is pro or con you see and learn about the issues that are affecting our local people with all the new mainlanders moving to Maui and Molokai and more. It gives the true essence of what the people in Maui County want or donot want in their communities. It is a great tool to educate the communities.

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## Survey Result

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**From:** corraodj@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:36 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(corraodj@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 23:36:15  
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name: Darren J. Corrao

phone: 808-242-5581

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I have been a Certified Producer and regular volunteer at Akaku since the Fall of 2005. I am also a regular viewer of its programming. I have taken all the classes provided by Akaku and, through my regular volunteer services, have had the opportunity and pleasure to have numerous technical, production and programming discussions with the Akaku staff.

The quality and quantity of training Akaku provides is exceptional. The quality and broad scope of the staff's technical and creative knowledge is astounding, particularly in a small community such as Maui. The staff is made up of extraordinary people doing an extraordinary job.

I volunteer regularly for Akaku, because I wish to give back to my community -- this wonderful island of Maui, which gives so much to me. What I appreciate the most about Akaku and its staff is their unwavering commitment solely to the best interests of the Maui community. As I see it, Akaku is a non-profit organization with no self-interest on its agenda. It has no interest in censoring or skewing any voice on any issue. Akaku exists solely for the benefit of the community - to provide a medium for all voices and to give the community full access to all available information impacting the community. These five cable stations are all about "public access" - that is Akaku's sole mission, and it does it very well. I would not volunteer my valuable time if Akaku were not solely committed to the people of Maui.

In getting to know all of the Akaku staff, I have found not one of them to have any political agenda. When it comes to programming and production, they have no bias on any issue. These are very talented and committed people who want to provide the highest broadcast standards and highest quality public access station possible.

To open up the competitive bidding process - particularly to for-profit organizations - would be to threaten the Maui community's "public access." It would invite the risk of censorship, potentially leaving the Maui community with less - and/or skewed - information and less of a voice. It would invite personal agendas into the mix, to the detriment of our community.

The State of Hawaii would save no money by requiring a competitive bid process, since the funds for the stations are fixed by formula and provided by Time Warner. Also, given my

exposure to Akaku, its facilities, and its staff, I find it inconceivable that any other organization could provide better, more trusted broadcast and production services on the same budget.

I trust and appreciate Akaku, and the people I know on Maui trust and appreciate Akaku. It's a caring member of our community. Please don't put that at risk. Exempt it from the competitive bid process.

Thank you.

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Survey Result

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**From:** mauro@sevenangelsmedia.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:57 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mauro@sevenangelsmedia.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 17:56:46

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name: Mauro DePasquale

phone: 508-755-1880

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: We encourage your state and local leaders to protect future assurances to support Akaku's public access facility.

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Survey Result

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**From:** celticram47@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:56 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(celticram47@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 20:56:14

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name: Richard & Jo Ann Meaney

phone: 280-0827

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku has provided an exceptional service both personally and professionally. The ability to participate in County meetings when direct attendance is impossible is a service that is difficult to measure. The ability to obtain programs that get away from the "main stream" news casts etc. is something that many communities of a much larger size do not have. With all of the areas within our County and State in need of long awaited changes and improvements why change something that is already working smoothly? Leave Akaku as it is, without layers of interference from the State.  
Mahalo, The Meaneys

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Survey Result

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**From:** sbrown@cfs-hawaii-org.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:41 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sbrown@cfs-hawaii-org) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 20:40:49

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name: Susan Lee Brown

phone: 808 877 9850

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** gmofreemaui@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:18 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(gmofreemaui@hawaii.rr.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 20:18:04

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name: Eloise Engman

phone: 572-5831

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is a valuable community asset, and is particularly valuable to the democratic process. The democratic process is itself under attack from every side, as is its champion, Akaku TV.

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Survey Result

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**From:** ncaris808@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:14 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ncaris808@aol.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 20:13:59

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hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Dissatisfied

knowledge: Strongly Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: Strongly Dissatisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission .

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 20:10:51

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hours: No Opinion

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: OK

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Strongly Dissatisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**From:** derek@maui.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 9:53 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(derek@maui.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 19:52:31

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name: Derek Escalera

phone: 264-4617

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku television is enjoyed by my whole family and would be greatly missed.

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Survey Result

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**From:** wkhiguchi@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:43 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(wkhiguchi@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:43:01

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name: Wes Higuchi

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: No Opinion

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: My opinion is that the situation at Akaku warrants outside intervention. Other than the government meetings and education shows, the majority of the programming that I see on the Akaku channels is not very good in quality or content and does not add value to our community. I would prefer seeing more money going to the government and education shows and less on the "public".

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Survey Result

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**From:** sakas@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:38 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sakas@verizon.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:37:55

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name: paul sakas

phone: 808/661-6226

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Keep Akaku free from competitive bid. I am only a viewer at this point but would very much like to use your services in the future. I live on the west side of the island which makes it a bit more difficult. A branch or station on this side would be great.

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Survey Result

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**From:** mapsons001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:33 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mapsons001@hawaii.rr.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:32:42

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name: Shirley Mapson

phone: 808-8715929

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:55 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:55:00

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: OK

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** huladog1@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:43 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(huladog1@earthlink.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 22:43:28

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name: Irene Bowie

phone: 268.0303

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: not sure what other entities would come into the bid process; will probably attend meeting

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Survey Result

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**From:** macedoart@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:14 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(macedoart@hawaii.rr.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 23:14:15

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name: Pamela Macedo

phone: 808-891-1727

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I am impressed by the quality and availability of television to the community that Akaku provides. I support Akaku 100%

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Survey Result

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**From:** mauileen@maui.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mauileen@maui.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 23:31:48

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name: David & Eileen Killeen

phone: 250-6344

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:32 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 23:32:17

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** hulalei24@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:34 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hulalei24@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 23:34:12

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name: Leilani Frost

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** oluolu@maui.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 4:03 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(oluolu@maui.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 02:03:01

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name: Helen Nielsen

phone: 249-0032

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I believe Akaku is the only way to inform the public of issues that are not covered by conventional media. They have been unbiased and fair in reporting on all matters pertaining to the community. To allow this station to lose their funding would be a travesty. Shame on those who are forcing Akaku down. Akaku, to me, symbolized free speech, which is constantly being attacked by special interest groups. Protect free speech; protect Akakau's funding.

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Survey Result

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**From:** kalepa@maui.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kalepa@maui.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 01:46:30

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name: Jonathan Starr  
phone: (808) 249-0032  
hours: Strongly Satisfied  
equipment: Strongly Satisfied  
training: Strongly Satisfied  
knowledge: Strongly Satisfied  
overall: Strongly Satisfied  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes  
Comments: Please leave AKAKU as it is.

AKAKU represents the only opportunity for Maui's citizens to free express and share their opinions on subjects of all kind without interference or censorship. There are no commercial TV stations on Maui, which makes AKAKU's role on our Community extremely important.

There is currently a move afoot to limit this freedom of expression that is being sponsored by corporate land developers who resent the fact that members of the community have a forum to express concerns about development projects.

Most of Maui's citizens cherish the fact that AKAKU exists as it is and they can use it in any way they want to express their opinions.

Please do not take this away from us. AKAKU has served us well, and should continue in the same manner with the same funding.

Mahalo,

Joanthan Starr  
kalepa@maui.net

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Survey Result

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**From:** sgsmith@hawaii.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 3:05 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sgsmith@hawaii.edu) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 01:04:34

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name: Stephen Smith

hours: OK

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: I would hope to use your station someday as I pursue a degree in Social Work

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Survey Result

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**From:** wahine96779@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 2:57 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(wahine96779@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 00:56:48

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name: Amy Fein  
phone: 281-8328  
hours: Strongly Satisfied  
equipment: Strongly Satisfied  
training: Strongly Satisfied  
knowledge: Strongly Satisfied  
overall: Strongly Satisfied  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 6:12 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 04:11:49

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name: Ken Fields

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** babsonb001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 6:10 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(babsonb001@hawaii.rr.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 04:10:00

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name: Bob Babson

phone: 874-1166

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I listen to Akaku all the time and find it highly informative. Please allow Akaku to continue as it is. It is doing a great job.

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Survey Result

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**From:** rogelio.yadao@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 5:36 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(rogelio.yadao@verizon.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 03:35:39

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name: Rogelio Yadao

phone: (808) 344-4603

hours: No Opinion

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

Comments: Akaku is the only cable channel in which members of the community can easily showcase their videos and programs so I see no reason in closing akaku.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 5:35 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 03:34:32

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name: Barbara Collins

phone: 283-7743

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: There should be no bid process. Akaku has done nothing to deserve the present state of a government take-over, and that is simply what it is. Maui community has been greatly served in all respects by the present Akaku team, and for many years. Those who would push the state agenda now, should they wish any political future, think twice. Akaku is dear to our hearts on this island; and it is a small island. Eventually people are going to smell some rats. Personally, I am very disturbed by what has transpired to Akaku these many months. And, of course, freedom of speech will be curtailed.

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Survey Result

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**From:** hawaiidhr@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 5:01 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hawaiidhr@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 03:01:17

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name: David Johnston

phone: 808-573-3250

hours: OK

equipment: No Opinion

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** knox-colleen@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 6:31 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(knox-colleen@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 16:30:30

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name: colleen knox

phone: 808-572-0976

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** lfurtado@wisperhawaii.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 5:43 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(lfurtado@wisperhawaii.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 15:43:29  
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name: LES FURTADO JR

phone: (808)242-9706

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I watch AKAKU every day and I would be very much bumd out if it would not be on any more. There is information that you can only get on Akaku. Plus all the local events, surfing, sports, county meetings that I dont have time to attend. I wish I could go to the DCCA's meeting to voice my opinion but I have to work that day. My kids also wathch AKAKU. AKAKU is the only way we people can reach out to the community and advise them on what is going on. PLEASE KOKUA LEAVE AKAKU ON. Mahalo!

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Survey Result

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**From:** hawaii4@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 5:20 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hawaii4@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 15:20:09

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name: Pat Puaa

phone: 808 553 3369

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Please don't take away our right to the first amendment!!!

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Survey Result

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**From:** mark@lmpmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:53 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. . It was submitted by  
(mark@lmpmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 08:52:33

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name: Mark Sheehan

phone: 283-2158

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is an extremely valuable medium for Maui. It's run fairly and in a very professional way. Nothing should be done to compromise its effectiveness. NOTHING.

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Survey Result

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**From:** christine@facesinnature.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:52 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(christine@facesinnature.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 08:51:38

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name: Christine Page

phone: 808-276-8250

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I am unable to make the meeting on Maui because I'll be working so please pass on to the DCCA that I feel it is imperative that we have the Akaku voice to support our local community. If anything is changed, we should have an additional affiliate voice to cover local news to make our community even stronger, meaning a local "affiliate" of our oahu neighbors linking us to the nbc, abc, cbs, whatever to bring us into the competitive news market flow. But our Akaku community, educational and governmental open channel of communication should not be squelched in the process. If it were we would only be reducing our strength, probably pushing us into the oblivion of being the propaganda of everybody else.

Having production and marketing experience in the film industry my opinion is that what Maui is lacking in is simply logistics. It just hasn't happened yet, and may never unless we start with what WE need first.

Mahalo,  
Christine

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Survey Result

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**From:** the\_hartleys@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(the\_hartleys@verizon.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 07:49:33

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name: Dana Hartley  
phone: 575-2277  
hours: Strongly Satisfied  
equipment: Strongly Satisfied  
training: Strongly Satisfied  
knowledge: Strongly Satisfied  
overall: Somewhat Satisfied  
value: Strongly Satisfied  
exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** hwntutu50@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:39 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hwntutu50@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 07:38:56

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name: Roseline & Joseph Frye Jr.

phone: 808-249-2873

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: We feel that Akaku should be for the Community Of Maui County, and that everyone who uses Akaku, will benefit from that station. That is the only Television Station that has what we call "Freedom of Speech", & we beleive that is important for all Culture to share what they beleive is true to their knowledge. Hawaii is a place of mixed Culture, & there are a lot of people who can share many things about their Culture, to other's. KEEP AKAKU IN MAUI COUNTY....

Mahalo,  
Roseline & Joseph Frye Jr.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:37 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 07:37:11

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name: Bernice Lu

hours: OK

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Of late Akaku has not been worth watching. It is filled with people with the same opinions saying the same thing over, and over and over again. With what it cost to put on things on the air, what we have been seeing is a waste of money.

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Survey Result

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**From:** PRSKILLER@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(PRSKILLER@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 06:50:13

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name: Jason Naha

phone: 669-9514

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I hope Akaku will remain the same as it is now. It is a very excellent resource of our community and for our community. It is a station I enjoy watching as much if not more than the BIG stations. Akaku keeps it real for us all. Peace!

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Survey Result

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**From:** frankmarshall\_56@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:18 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(frankmarshall\_56@msn.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 06:18:17

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name: Frank K. Marshall

phone: (808)871-2081

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Aloha, straight from one hawaiian. We really want akaku to keep  
broadcasting what is really going on in these islands. (want the truth). Tooo much  
bullshit going on and akaku will bring out the truth. No beating around the bush or  
munipulation. I want akaku to stay strong(I'm with akaku)"all da way". Giv'um hell  
akaku..... This is our life style and if they don't like it then go back home to  
whereever they came from....leave our lifestyle alone.....

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Survey Result

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**From:** mcknkats@wmconnect.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:08 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mcknkats@wmconnect.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 06:07:52

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name: Carol McKenna

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**From:** drumzero@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 7:04 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(drumzero@aol.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 05:03:49

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name: John Patterson

phone: 573 5562

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Competitive bids can be set up to favor certain entities associated with the industry. Advance notice, requirements, can all be manipulated by state or county officials to obtain the desired result. It is NOT impartial...

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 6:48 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 04:47:46

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** NA@bsd18.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 6:34 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(NA) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 04:34:16

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name: Michael

phone: NA

hours: Somewhat Dissatisfied

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Strongly Dissatisfied

knowledge: Strongly Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: OK

exempted: No

Comments: START OVER AND GET RID OF THE CURRENT, SO CALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Survey Result

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**From:** Mauination@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 6:33 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Mauination@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 04:32:32

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name: John

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: OK

knowledge: Somewhat Dissatisfied

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: OK

exempted: No

Comments: PLEASE get a NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!!!!!!

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Survey Result

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**From:** Hawaiianartists@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 6:30 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Hawaiianartists@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 04:30:28

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name: Kimo

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Somewhat Dissatisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Dissatisfied

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Please eliminate the current Board of Directors! Jay April and Benita Brazier  
our no Aloha! And bring in real filmmakers on it. AND Hawaiians. The board you have now  
are not PONO!

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 9:43 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 19:42:36

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

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Survey Result

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**From:** michelleanderson@usa.ne.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2006 8:05 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(michelleanderson@usa.ne) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 18:04:54

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name: Michelle Anderson

phone: 875-7115

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The community has invested millions in the development of AKAKU over the years and this investment must be protected. AKAKA has built an organization that provides invaluable service to the community and we cannot risk losing the free speech venue afforded us by the investment in time and money that AKAKU represents.

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Survey Result

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**From:** andrus@pixiful.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 4:23 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by (andrus@pixiful.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 02:22:55

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name: Steve Cummings

phone: 808-572-0669

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: It would be highly beneficial to Cable Access in the state of Hawaii to have the requirements for the operations of the cable access provider organisations to based on Federal and Hawaiian State law rather than have such requirements dictated by extra-legal and extra-contractual means. Recent pressure on Akaku to disburse funds to Hawaiian State agencies have no basis or standing either in the law or language in the contract for services between Akaku and the State of Hawaii. In the words of the Legislative Reference Bureau of the State of Hawaii, the role of the access organisation is as follows:

" The connection between the State and the access organizations is contractual. After each access organization was created, it entered into a contract with the State to:

- (1) Manage the PEG channels;
- (2) Provide facilities and equipment for the production of PEG programming;
- (3) Train governmental, educational, and community organizations and the general public to use the facilities and equipment;
- (4) Market and promote the organization and the channels; and
- (5) Provide support services to the users of the channel(13) in exchange for the access fees and equipment and facilities funds paid by the cable companies in the respective counties (the "access fees" are apparently the access organizations' share of the franchise fees).

The State's part of the connection is its ability to appoint a majority of all board members by the Director of DCCA."

[excerpted from the 1995 LRB report "Public, Education, and Government

Cable Television Access in Hawai'i:  
Unscrambling the Signals

SUSAN EKIMOTO JAWOROWSKI  
Researcher

Report No. 4, 1995

Legislative Reference Bureau  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii"

The research performed by the State's LRB does not indicate that the access organisations should have any authority or duty to disburse funds to Agencies of the State of Hawaii, merely, that the access organisation should provide facilities, training, and support for the use of those facilities, period.

It is hoped that when the DCCA undergoes a proper Request For Proposal authoring procedure, that the resulting RFP document would properly define the role of the access organisations as provided for in Federal and Hawaiian State Law, as well as proper adherence to the contractual obligations required by the agreements of service with the State of Hawaii.

Respectfully

Steve Cummings  
100 North Lanikai Place  
Haiku, HI, 96708-5202

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Survey Result

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**From:** judrc@aloha.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 5:01 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(judrc@aloha.net) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 03:00:59

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name: Jud Cunningham

phone: 871-1314

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** kalama@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 4:33 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kalama@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 02:32:56

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name: Ka'akaua Kalama

phone: (808)553-5636

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: AKAKU is very important to the community, a program that is a valuable asset to the people of Maui County

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Survey Result

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**From:** jasonmontague@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:51 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jasonmontague@hotmail.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 19:51:04

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name: Jason Montague

phone: 808.268.1601

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Let community television be an important staple of this island. I have been educated about what is going on politically on this island largely by this channel. If this station is gone, I know this is a direct move by corporate structures to debilitate the voice of the island.

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Survey Result

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**From:** gshep@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:24 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(gshep@hawaii.rr.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 19:24:26

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name: Glenn Shepherd

phone: 808-244-7224

hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** holter@maui.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:18 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(holter@maui.net) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 19:17:35

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name: Lance Holter

phone: 579-9442

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Dissatisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: To build continuity with the staff they need to know that their jobs will be in place for a sense of security. Put up the management to bid every year severely hampers job security and continuity. It reduces the effectiveness and spirit of the workplace.

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Survey Result

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**From:** eyes@maui.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:10 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(eyes@maui.net) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 19:10:20

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name: Howard Eisenberg

phone: 808-250-7759

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: OK

knowledge: OK

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** vannassa@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(vannassa@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 19:06:51

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name: Hendrick Haupu

phone: n/a

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** brokedamouts@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(brokedamouts@gmail.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 18:46:02

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name: Penny Tauvela

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: OK

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: akaku is very educational.....if u take that show away.....i won't be able to  
learn new things from them.....their shows always give me hope for me in high school.

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Survey Result

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**From:** m8caguy@ksbe.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(m8caguy@ksbe.edu) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 18:45:57

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name: Cassie Guy

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: All shows on AKAKU is very educational and it's probably the only channel helping to fight for Hawaiian Rights.

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Survey Result

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**From:** jmt\_wdd@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:23 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jmt\_wdd@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 18:22:41

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name: Joan Tsuji

phone: 984-2091

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: It is of my opinion that Akaku should continue to provide its service to the community. Would like to see political debate settle down & let Iris Cober reorganize & streamline its operation. If another agency takes over the community TV function, it'll take too long to set up/organize...if it's MCC, there'd be a monopoly over the TV media for our county. Give Akaku a chance to prove themselves before giving up on them. Mahalo.

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Survey Result

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**From:** mossmusic@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 8:04 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mossmusic@hawaii.rr.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 18:03:37

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name: Cambria Moss

phone: 808 874-5806

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is very important to our family and friends, especially in these times of corporate media ownership ties with the government leading to supression of the truth on so many key issues!!

No attempt to weaken Akaku in any way should be allowed!

Akaku funding should be doubled immediatly!!

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Survey Result

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**From:** deptissue@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 6:21 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(deptissue@hawaii.rr.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 04:21:23

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name: Sharon Goldenberg

phone: (808)385-3619

hours: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Community residents will not understand or miss what Akaku provides until Akaku is no longer able to provide those services.

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Survey Result

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**From:** kennysfiberart@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 7:37 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kennysfiberart@verizon.net) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 05:36:31

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name: Kenny Hultquist

phone: 661-8410

hours: OK

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: This meeting and the process that led to it is very confusing, the DCCA doesn't seem to know why they are holding a hearing on Feb. 15th at MCC or what they are going to do with the testimony. If the State Attorney General "accidentally" found that a certain law has been broken for so many years then they should prosecute and/or fire themselves for negligence.

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Survey Result

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**From:** Yukteswaji@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 9:23 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Yukteswaji@hotmail.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 07:22:40

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name: Brian Sweeney

phone: 808-878-6743

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The programming at Akaku is excellent. I value the right of free speech and Akaku's programming reflects my values as a citizen of Maui. DO NOT TRY TO FIX A COMMUNITY ASSET THAT IS NOT BROKEN.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 10:03 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 08:02:50

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

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Survey Result

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**From:** mikekahale@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 9:59 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mikekahale@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 07:58:40

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name: Michael Kahale

phone: 808-567-6602

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** dickmayer@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(dickmayer@earthlink.net) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 21:12:24

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name: Prof. Dick Mayer

phone: 808-878-1874

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: As the Vice-President of one of Maui's most active community Associations (Kula C.A.), I have worked VERY closely and often with many of the Akaku staff over a long period.

I am most impressed with Akaku's willingness: a) to facilitate the transmission of community events; b) to respond rapidly to programming that was time sensitive (for example, political candidate forums); and c) to offer professional advice on how to deliver community concerns and activities to the broader "TV" audience. Akaku is serving multiple functions most effectively. They deliver quality reporting on Maui County (boyh Mayoral and Council) and Hawai'i State government programs; they provide programs that educate our various community groups; and Akaku constantly strives to deliver a wide variety of perspectives on community issues and problems.

Having Akaku deliver programming that differs from the many Maui newspapers (all owned by the same corporation) is a blessing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further details,  
Professor (Emeritus) Dick Mayer  
(Retired from Maui Community College)  
808-878-1874 dickmayer@earthlink.net

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**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 10:45 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 20:44:40

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hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

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Survey Result

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**From:** john.tomoso@co.maui.hi.us  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(john.tomoso@co.maui.hi.us) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 20:14:58

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name: John A. H. Tomoso

phone: 270-7350

hours: OK

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: OK

value: OK

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**From:** Kekukui@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:13 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Kekukui@msn.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 20:13:29

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name: Mary Kaiwi

phone: 808-264-4168

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is very informative and is also a great asset to our community.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 20:10:47

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name: Mary

hours: Strongly Satisfied

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Survey Result

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**From:** Karen@RedwoodGames.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 11:11 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Karen@RedwoodGames.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 21:11:23

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name: Karen Chun

phone: 808 283-3049

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Giving part of the Akaku budget to DOE is ridiculous! DOE already receives choke money so that they can indoctrinate our children to their very narrow world view with which I, a taxpayer, disagree. We need Akaku as the lone voice of those who don't have access to big corporate and governmental money.

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Survey Result

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**From:** robnamahoe@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:27 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(robnamahoe@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 20:27:03

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name: Robert Namahoe

phone: 808-268-8490

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: OK

value: Somewhat Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** Kekukui@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:20 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Kekukui@msn.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 20:20:12

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name: Dondi Kaiwi

phone: 808-264-7604

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is very important for the community to access information. I support Akaku and wishes that they continue their high quality service provided to the Community of Maui.

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Survey Result

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**From:** KHAOFran@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:18 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(KHAOFran@aol.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 20:18:19

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name: Frances C. Joswick

phone: 242-7600,ext223

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: A vital link that keeps citizens informed of Maui's ever changing events. I especially like the legislative tapings.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 12:09 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 22:08:33

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value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: PEG access funds are derived from cable companies who pay a certain amount to the State in designation to PEG access companies who are there for the public. Monies given to PEG's do not come from the State's General Fund. Therefore, PEG's should be exempt from the State Procurement Process.

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Survey Result

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**From:** Karen Chun [Karen@RedwoodGames.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Cc:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for Akaku Hearing

Please include this as my formal testimony on the subject of Akaku.

Akaku has been doing a great job of providing public access TV. I am dismayed that some of their funding was given to Dept of Education who already has more than their share of state influence and money. I think that was a mistake.

If it were not for Akaku, I would not be aware of many issues affecting Maui Nui and the bigger world beyond.

Clearly, developers like Everet Dowling are trying to cripple and dismantle Akaku because they don't want us regular folks to be informed about what they are doing. Please stand on the side of the citizens and resist the corporate interests who want to destroy this valuable community resource.

Thank you,

Karen Chun  
87 Lae St.  
Paia HI 96779  
(808) 283-3049

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**From:** wadamek@barnard.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 11:17 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(wadamek@barnard.edu) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 21:17:10

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name: Wendi Adamek

phone: 808 878-3623

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** johnornellas@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 12:46 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(johnornellas@hotmail.com) on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 22:45:54

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name: john ornellas

phone: 808-559-0411

hours: Strongly Dissatisfied

equipment: Strongly Dissatisfied

training: Strongly Dissatisfied

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Aloha,

Sorry, Akaku is a waste of money. Programing SUCKS! Mostly there is a bunch of malcontents, ignorant, vulgar, fringe idiots taking up most of Akaku schedule. I will not allow my child to watch "Maui's Community Television" because of what perverted programing she might be exposed to. I can not trust Akaku. At the present time I feel Akaku is not representative of our community and only the fringe element of our county have an interest to watch or call. When channel surfing I sometimes come across DOE, Maui Council Meetings that has value to our community but they are few and in between. If Akaku was to be taken off the air the I would say good riddance. There is enough JUNK TV on the air now. It is evident that no one really cares about Akaku by the recent embarassing child like behavior displayed by its board members. Maybe its time to fire everyone on the board and start over again.

Mahalo  
John Ornellas  
Lanai City, Hawaii  
808-559-0411

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Survey Result

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**From:** meleana1839@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 2:38 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(meleana1839@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 00:38:28

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name: Donnalee Curimao

phone: 808-669-6084

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Akaku should be continued for us the community-Freedom of speech and freedom to express and have a saying for once. It is needed for us the small people that makes a big difference in HAWAII.

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Survey Result

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**From:** huanani1978@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(huanani1978@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 19:07:15

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name: Lehua Cosma

phone: 2487205

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku has been the first public access station that I recall. It has been very informative to the community and the people it serves. I hope we do not lose Akaku. It is essential to our communities and the people they represent. Where else on maui, do the people get to voice their concerns? My vote is to keep akaku, and I support you.

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Survey Result

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**From:** kabba@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 8:08 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kabba@hawaii.rr.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 18:08:22

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name: Kabba Anand

phone: 572-2562

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The DCCA should not interfere at this time and jeopardize this valuable  
community resource.

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Survey Result

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**From:** cnascimento@pacbluhawaii.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 7:40 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(cnascimento@pacbluhawaii.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 17:40:06

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name: Caitlin Nascimento

phone: (808) 249-2400

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** hoopaikane@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 7:39 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hoopaikane@hotmail.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 17:38:32

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name: mike hoopai

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** hoopaikane1@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 7:37 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hoopaikane1@hotmail.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 17:37:26

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name: bradah K

phone: 808-870-0830

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** werners002@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 9:10 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(werners002@hawaii.rr.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 07:09:32

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name: Susan Werner

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Don't make them spend all their time fundraising. Instead let them do what they're supposed to be doing - providing public access television to our community.

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Survey Result

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**From:** Maui.Tree@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 8:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Maui.Tree@verizon.net) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 06:50:27

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name: Stephen Luksic

phone: 808-280-3215

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: This is obviously a corrupt ploy to usurp the individual freedom in the right of communication. Everything was fine until developers became fearful, the cowards.

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Survey Result

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**From:** ehopkins@jhmi.edu  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 5:12 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ehopkins@jhmi.edu) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 03:12:01

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name: E. Hopkins

phone: 410-955-5918

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** myrnastone@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 4:57 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(myrnastone@earthlink.net) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 02:57:04

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name: Myrna Stone

phone: 879-8095

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: The bottom line is Akaku provides a service not available any where else. It is our First Amendment that I am most concerned about All of this political stuff is really unfortunate for the entire community. Let there be peace and and productivity and let it begin now.

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Survey Result

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**From:** no.email@bsd18.infinology.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 4:20 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(no email) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 02:20:27

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name: Richard Dowling sr.

phone: 1-808-553-5024

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: people need to be informed with info,not sensorship of the media!!

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Survey Result

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**From:** ekahiboi@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 2:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ekahiboi@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 00:49:30

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name: Joseph Abella

phone: 808-572-0179

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** marita@ultimatehawaii.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 10:03 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(marita@ultimatehawaii.com) on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 20:02:36

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name: Marita Strong

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku provides a great service to the local community and it should continue to do so as is.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 9:41 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 19:40:40

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hours: Strongly Dissatisfied

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Strongly Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Your programming is extremely biased and is not representative of the community as a whole. Your refusal to share franchise revenues with government and education entities is criminal. You are an embarrassment to the community.

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Survey Result

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**From:** maui\_nik@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2006 7:13 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(maui\_nik@hotmail.com) on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 05:12:59

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name: Nick goodness

phone: --

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Often the types of services required for production of programs and videos may by nature preclude the normal procurement process for soliciting certain "special" services, by virtue of the fact that the the services may be unique, or accessible only within very limited time constraints.

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Survey Result

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**From:** escott@hgea.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2006 4:49 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(escott@hgea.net) on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 02:48:42

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name: Scott Jensen

phone: 244-1443

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: Public access on Maui has a rich history, thanks to Akaku. Please continue to serve the public interest by allowing free, non-affiliated access to this form of public communication.

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Survey Result

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**From:** riley@aloha.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2006 2:52 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(riley@aloha.net) on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 00:51:46

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name: jeanne riley

hours: No Opinion

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Dissatisfied

overall: Strongly Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: I only know what I see on TV. I have no knowledge of training or equipment at the Akaku office. I find most of their shows embarrassing and I feel that the public would be better served if there was a variety of programs on their stations.

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2006 2:04 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 00:04:15

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hours: No Opinion

equipment: No Opinion

training: OK

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: Somewhat Dissatisfied

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**From:** Mlcpau@msn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2006 11:34 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Mlcpau@msn.com) on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 21:34:19

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name: Maria Unemori

hours: No Opinion

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: OK

value: Somewhat Satisfied

exempted: No

Comments: I think the whole Board should resign and start over with new members, none of whom should have a vested financial interest in Akaku, e.g. receive pay. This will restore public confidence and belief that Akaku will operate with integrity and provide true service to the community. The RFP should be same as most requests for service to the public using state and federal procurement guidelines.

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Survey Result

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**From:** mmmmahalo2000@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:06 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mmmmahalo2000@aol.com) on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 06:06:19

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name: Mike Moran

phone: 891-9176

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** mauiboykw13@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2006 2:49 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(mauiboykw13@yahoo.com) on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 00:49:11

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name: Mark B. Macanas

phone: 572-1930

hours: No Opinion

equipment: No Opinion

training: No Opinion

knowledge: No Opinion

overall: No Opinion

value: Strongly Dissatisfied

exempted: No

Comments: I feel that Akaku has overstayed it's welcome on Maui. Let's put the whole contract up for bid and get new blood into another Public Access provider. Akaku has wasted thousands upon thousands of taxpayer (and cable subscriber) dollars on useless programming and legal wrangling. I'd rather spend my money on DOE and MCC providing quality programming than on a bunch of power-hungry and power-mad folks. Aloha, Akaku...and don't come back!

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Survey Result

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**From:** rmills@randomdevelopments.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2006 2:31 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(rmills@randomdevelopments.com) on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 00:30:30

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name: Randy Mills

phone: (808) 280-8541

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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## Survey Result

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**From:** marciasemail@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 9:27 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(marciasemail@earthlink.net) on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 19:26:44  
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name: Marcia Godinez

phone: 808-877-7254

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

Comments: You might want to change your last question, or at least offer a clear explanation. I don't know how to respond to the last question because I don't clearly understand how my answer might impact Akaku. But I do know this: as someone who has volunteered in the political arena, and worked on several community and non-profit fundraisers and events, I know first hand that Akaku plays a critical role in reaching out to the community. During election season everyone I know spends a good deal of time watching Akaku so they can get to know the various candidates and issues. Because all candidates have equal time to address their issues, everyone is on a level playing field. In this way the public has a greater opportunity to become educated and informed and to participate in the democratic process.

Akaku gives voice to people who may otherwise not have a voice in their community. Those voices are amazingly diverse; they range from informative, to entertaining, to boring, to whacky. I don't always enjoy the Akaku programs, but I am delighted that the diversity of programming is there. It would not bode well for our community or society if those voices and viewpoints were silenced.

Over the years I have learned a great deal from programs I've seen on Akaku. When I think of all the county council hearings, the interviews, the instructional shows, the talent showcases--it's amazing to think of the wealth of information that has come through that little tv station in Kahului.

I can't imagine life without Akaku, and I can't imagine what a financially hobbled Akaku might look like. Our tv station is a subtle, but powerful and effective cornerstone in our

community. It is open to anyone who has something to say. It is the only venue that I can think of where all cultures, all colors, all creeds, all ages, all persuasions--all, everyone--anyone and everyone can pass through those doors in Kahului and, if they're willing to do a bit of work and organize their message, they can put their message out to the community. Think of it--where else does that happen on Maui, or in Maui County? Where else do you find the entire, diverse cultural range that represents our island population, coming together under the auspices of a single community resource? Just sitting here and writing in the moment, I cannot think of another public resource that is actually utilized by all cultural, political, religious, and non-profit groups. Whether we like it or not, we have to admit that there is a kind of racism that exists in our islands, and that racism is effected not so much by skin color as by economic status and cultural differences. Akaku has!

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perhaps the most democratic community resource I can think of, as is evidenced by the diversity of programming that is presented to the public.

The fact is, Akaku plays an increasingly vital role in our community. As our island continues to develop and grow, our local communities are pushed more and more to the fringes of our economic society. Look at the problems we're having with housing, traffic, water, and ocean resource management. These problems are huge and they need to be addressed in the public forum. These problems need and educated and informed citizens to go to the polls and vote in every election. These problems need to be examined from multiple perspectives, our community needs to hear from every voice, every corner. I believe Hawaii already has the lowest voter turnout in the country, and Maui the lowest in the state. This is a profoundly troubling situation. More and more people are feeling disenfranchised and dissociated from civic and governmental processes. Akaku serves a vital role in our community by bringing people back into those processes--and it brings them in more effectively than any other organization that I can think of.

To our elected or appointed officials, those who find themselves in a decision-making capacity in regard to our Akaku, our community voice, I hope that each of you will center yourself in wisdom as you consider the broad implications of any decisions you make. Please recognize that this rather non-descript little tv station in Kahului is one of Maui County's most important treasures, that it is actually accomplishing what many government and community agencies attempt to do--it is giving voice to all of Maui's people--big, small, rich, poor, old, young--whatever--Akaku serves us all. Please do not hurt one of the few agencies in our community, and perhaps the only agency, that is truly democratic. Please recognize that our entire Maui Nui community needs Akaku.

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Survey Result

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**From:** nanolmstead@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 5:17 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(nanolmstead@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 15:17:04

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name: Nan Olmstead

phone: 417-1404

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Molokai needs this service as much as it needs air.

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Survey Result

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**From:** editor@molokaitimes.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 11:41 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(editor@molokaitimes.com) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 21:40:41

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name: Brennan Purtzer

phone: 553-4443

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** braecleo@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2006 10:54 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(braecleo@earthlink.net) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 20:54:02

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name: cleo bloedon

phone: 8783079

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: we need this community access information. STAY ON THE AIR!

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Survey Result

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**From:** eric@solar-flight.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2006 3:13 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(eric@solar-flight.com) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 13:12:48

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name: Eric Raymond

phone: 619 884 1216

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** tabanao@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 8:49 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(tabanao@earthlink.net) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 06:49:04

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name: Arthur Tabanao

phone: 6676583

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** ikaika\_64@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 3:07 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ikaika\_64@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 01:07:18

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name: Ikaika Jenks-Pua'a

phone: (808)567-6811

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Being from Molokai Akaku has enabled the public to voice many things that are important to us, and there is no other way that I could be voiced if Akaku is put up for bid and another person or company comes in and changes everything, making the people less able to voice oppinions and concerns, educationg the rest of the population. It is a valuable recourse here on Molokai. I hope it shall remain as is

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Survey Result

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**From:** spiller@wave.hicv.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 3:31 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(spiller@wave.hicv.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 01:30:32

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name: Penelope Gail Spiller

phone: 808-567-9022

hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Matt Yamashita is a brilliant asset to the Moloka`i and the Akaku communities.

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Survey Result

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**From:** dahan27@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 4:31 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(dahan27@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 02:31:02

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name: Loke Han

phone: 808 567-6390

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku has been a driving force for our community to help document important events, increase both high school and elementary school student work by giving added dimension to their video and computer graphic projects, allows non-profit organizations a chance to present service information to the community (like Pūnana Leo o Molokaʻi, the Molokaʻi Makahiki - just to name a few).

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Survey Result

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**From:** momaui@mau.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 7:48 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(momaui@mau.net) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 05:48:20

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name: Nancy Montoya

phone: 661-5073

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is a great vehicle to the general public.

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Survey Result

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**From:** sachelle1@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 6:35 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sachelle1@hotmail.com) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 04:34:33

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name: Sachelle Bronstein

phone: 808-276-2569

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**From:** rrebold@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:39 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(rrebold@yahoo.com) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 02:38:36

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name: Rhett Rebold

phone: 280-5895

hours: OK

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Public access to this media an important part of a truely free society. Local politics has intruded on this process and I don't appreciate council's attempts to cut AKAKU funding when topics aired were unpopular with them. Also, it SHOULD loose money as a business model, if it were operated as a true business, it could no longer serve the public interest.

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Survey Result

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**From:** Jackie@mfss.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 3:21 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Jackie@mfss.org) on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 01:20:31

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name: Jackie

phone: 8082420900

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: No Opinion

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** lakanno@lashaw.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 9:15 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(lakanno@lashaw.org) on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 19:14:39

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name: Laverne Pua Nani Kanno

phone: 565-6153

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Exempt Akaku from the RFP process

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Survey Result

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**From:** leinaala@maui.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 7:45 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(leinaala@maui.net) on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 05:44:31

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name: Gary L. Sharp USMC (Ret.)

phone: 276-3625

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: "IF IT AIN'T BROKE", etc.

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Survey Result

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**From:** kukaiapueo@quixnet.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 7:36 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(kukaiapueo@quixnet.net) on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 05:35:30

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name: gaby gouveia

phone: 808-572-6232

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Dissatisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Unfortunately it has come down to this. I watch Akaku everyday. It has the most informative programs. Akaku, in my opinion is badly needed for the viewing public. It shows all views of whatever peeks the publics interest at the moment. The rest of the programs on the regular cable t.v. channels are pretty boring as far as programs. It has way to much programs that promote the usual sex for our children who are way too young. Lots of the programing make fathers look like fools. And the most unfortunate, news channels are not allowed to present the truth to the people. It is sad really sad that the only place we can find the truth and both sides of the story is being threathend. It is also sad that in this day free speach is OK only if the wealthy developers and big business say it is. It is like watching the county council meetings. The concerned public is allowed to speak and reject plans by land developers, and county plans, Than in the end, no matter if 75% of the public objects big business 90% of the time gets its way. It is easy to see who really runs the show. Just go to a land developers or big business Christmas party or any campaign fund raisers and you will see those polititions at the special table at the Christmas parties. Also you will see the big business people at the campaign fund raisers. We're not blind and we know who is behind all this. The people have tons of supporters. But "Big Business" has the money.

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Survey Result

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**From:** docvalnd@maui.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 6:50 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(docvalnd@maui.net) on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 04:50:13

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name: Valerie Lane Simonsen ND

phone: 808-244-3844

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** melifoster@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 3:33 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(melifoster@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 01:33:16

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name: Melinda Foster

phone: 808-553-5011

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: OK

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** hawaiimasseys@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 8:03 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hawaiimasseys@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 18:03:04

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name: Macy E. Massey

phone: 8082953527

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** sunboba@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2006 9:46 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sunboba@earthlink.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 19:45:47

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name: Bob Schmidt

phone: 808-878-2674

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments:

I cannot make it to the public hearing regarding saving AKAKU this wednesday at 4pm at MCC.

I would therefore like to put in on record that I feel it very important to keep AKAKU as it is now with the same management and not allow it to be taken over by a different management team. I feel the existing team has the communities interests at heart and will give an unbiased accounting and reporting to Maui's citizens.

I further beleive that we need to keep Democracy Now on the air every week night at 7pm, AKUKU channel 54, in order to hear the truth about what is really going on in the world

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Survey Result

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**From:** fishgutz@wave.hicv.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 9:40 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(fishgutz@mail.wave.hicv.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 07:39:47

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name: Glenn Kondo

phone: 567-6951 x276

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku, Molokai'i, has provided an exemplary level of training, equipment and broadcast time to the people of Moloka'i. Matt Yamashita and his staff should be commended for bringing tele-video literacy and artistry to the high school students of Moloka'i High School and the community at large. Akaku Moloka'i has done more than any other single agency, including the DOE, to ensure that students' voices are heard.

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Survey Result

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**From:** ribao@mobettah.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 9:08 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ribao@mobettah.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 07:07:30

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name: Robert Richard Ribao

phone: (808)553-3362

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is a asset to the community. It provides an insight to different events that occur on our island of Molokai. It lets the public speak and we listen to their concerns and wants. Molokai is a small rural close knitted community that needs Akaku as a information network.

Akaku also provides training in video production such as filming, editing, final cut, etc; to everyone in the community. They also provide the use of equipment at no cost. Akaku is a positive factor in my son's life and he is looking forward in continuing his college education in the field of video production which was introduced to him by Akaku personnel on Molokai.

Akaku is a must for the island of Molokai. Thank you.

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Survey Result

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**From:** tess@vacation-maui.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2006 3:40 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(tess@vacation-maui.com) on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 01:39:58  
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name: Teresa Cartwright

phone: 808-298-3031

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I believe the performance of the staff and management at Maui Community Television, Akaku, has been excellent considering the funds that they have to work with. Akaku's record demonstrates a high level of success in serving the community of Maui Nui. Requiring Hawaii's Public Access providers be put out to bid would place undue hardship on the continued success of these providers and do damage to the communities they serve. I strongly believe that Akaku and all Hawaii Public Access providers be EXEMPTED from the competitive bid process.  
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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2006 2:49 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 00:49:02

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hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: OK

value: Somewhat Satisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2006 1:52 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Friday, February 3, 2006 at 23:51:32

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hours: OK

equipment: OK

training: OK

knowledge: OK

overall: OK

value: Somewhat Dissatisfied

exempted: No

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Survey Result

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**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2006 9:06 AM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Friday, February 3, 2006 at 19:06:29

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hours: OK

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: OK

exempted: No

Comments: Akaku has provided a fine service to the community in so many ways, but in recent months has forgotten that is has more of a mission than free speech-which generally translates into poor programming. The fractionalized board under the leadership of Jay April has done a dis-service to this fine organization and to the community. Those members either need to figure it out or leave the organization. Great job on televising community activities, government meetings and educational programming. I would like to see more educational programming.

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Survey Result

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**From:** vickin@wave.hicv.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 5:02 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(vickin@wave.hicv.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 03:02:01

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name: Victoria J Newberry

phone: 808 553-5928

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: Akaku is vital to Molokai. We depend on the information it provides and the voice it offers us.

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Survey Result

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**From:** davianna@aloha.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 5:20 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(davianna@aloha.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 03:19:57

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name: davianna

phone: 567-6278

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** jasmikami@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 6:29 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jasmikami@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 04:28:36

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name: JMikami

phone: 560-3653

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: It is imperative that Akaku remain as it is currently; its staff on Molokai has provided excellent service and support. It should not be subject to a competitive process.

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Survey Result

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**From:** halealoha@wave.hicv.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 7:12 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(halealoha@wave.hicv.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 05:11:56

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name: Edward H. Ayau

phone: 646-9015

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** resloda2@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 7:21 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(resloda2@verizon.net) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 05:20:45

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name: Kenneth Tobita

phone: 8088719346

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I am very disturbed by special interest groups trying to control and take over akaku. If akaku was ment for free speech and a means by which the people can freely express themselves and their beliefs, then special interests groups have no place in the control and take over of akaku. I witnessed a board member physically attacking another board member on the akaku channel. This is real, and let the chips fall where they may when the investigation is completed in that situation. I am against violence and it has to be dealth with. Please help keep akaku free for the people.

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Survey Result

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**From:** ella.alcon@mauicounty.us  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 12:03 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ella.alcon@mauicounty.us) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 22:02:45

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name: Ella Alcon

phone: 553-5012

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** sean808@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 12:05 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(sean808@earthlink.net) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 22:04:56

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name: Sean McLaughlin

phone: 283-3174

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: First Amendment services provided by Akaku should be governed through open, public deliberations with complete open records and regular independent audits - such as Akaku provides. Control by State agencies (such as MCC and DOE) that operate in the shadows without Sunshine or local accountability should be avoided. Specific safeguards are needed to ensure that special interests (and State bureaucrats) are not silencing local voices and building imbalance.

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Survey Result

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**From:** hoolehuamoon@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 12:26 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(hoolehuamoon@gmail.com) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 22:26:05

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name: Miki'ala Pescaia

phone: (808) 336-0781

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** lhkalipi@mobettah.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 12:02 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(lhkalipi@mobettah.net) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 22:01:47

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name: Barbara Kalipi

phone: 567-9135

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: I am a strong supporter of the Akaku - Molokai Media Center. The staff have been extremely dedicated to their mission of "empowering our community's voice through access to media." Their training program is excellent and they have developed wonderful partnerships with schools and non-profits, and are also supported by our business community. To put all of this at risk makes no sense at all. Please do all you can to exempt Akaku from the competitive bid process.....

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Survey Result

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**From:** Step357@propaganda.org  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 1:12 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(Step357@propaganda.org) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 23:11:42

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name: William Morgan

phone: 808-281-1144

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Somewhat Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** jawaiian\_kind@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 1:08 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jawaiian\_kind@yahoo.com) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 23:08:29

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name: Kevin Nakoa Kaahanui

phone: (808) 336-1328

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: No Opinion

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Survey Result

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**From:** areyes@qlcc.org  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 2:00 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(areyes@qlcc.org) on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 23:59:44

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name: Andreana Reyes

phone: 808-553-5369

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: No Opinion

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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**From:** jawaian\_kind@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(jawaian\_kind@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 00:15:59

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name: Kevin N Kaahanui

phone: (808) 336-1328

hours: Somewhat Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

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Survey Result

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**From:** pharmacyskater@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 3:01 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

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(pharmacyskater@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 01:00:57

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name: joshua angosta

phone: 553 3574

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Strongly Satisfied

training: Strongly Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Strongly Satisfied

value: Strongly Satisfied

exempted: Yes

Comments: while my opinion.. about akaku is that i love editing here iam learning how to us imove for the future, its just been doing alot for me keepin me out of trouble and making me a better and person in life .. akaku is a good way to learn how to edited thats why i came here so later on in the future i can edited anything i need and know how to us it...

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Survey Result

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**From:** ready\_to\_rumble777@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 3:06 PM  
**To:** info@akaku.org  
**Subject:** WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
(ready\_to\_rumble777@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 01:05:52

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name: Robert William Hikaru Ribao

phone: (808) 658-0485

hours: Strongly Satisfied

equipment: Somewhat Satisfied

training: Somewhat Satisfied

knowledge: Strongly Satisfied

overall: Somewhat Satisfied

value: OK

exempted: Yes

Comments: Living here on Molokai the Akaku Molokai Media Center has helped me a lot to create a better future for myself. The staff here has taught me many things about filming, editing and the world of filming and filmers. They've helped me towards my future goals of becoming a filmer and gonig to film school. The staff here is very friendly and helpful with all my needs; they're also good friends of mine now. So through the years that will follow I hope to not only Molokai Akaku Media Center but all of Maui county's Akaku Media Centers grow, prosper, and improve to help benifet our ever changing and growing community. Thank you

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(How do you rate) The availability and quality of our equipment	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The quality of training provided	1) Strongly satisfied	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
How knowledgeable is our staff?	1) Extremely knowledgeable	2) Somewhat knowledgeable	3) OK	4) Somewhat unknowledgeable	5) Extremely unknowledgeable	6) No opinion
(What is your rating of the ) Overall quality of services provided to our clients	1) Very high quality	2) High quality	3) OK	4) Low Quality	5) Very low quality	6) No opinion

How would you rate the value of Akaku to our community?	1) Very valuable	2) Somewhat valuable	3) OK	4) Minimal value	5) No Value	6) No opinion
<b>Should Akaku be exempted from the competitive bid process?</b>	1) Yes	2) No	3) No Opinion			

Comment(s):

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**Your responses to these questions are optional**

Your Name Colton Florian  
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 609-2723

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Do our hours of operation satisfy your needs?	1) Strongly satisfied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The availability and quality of our equipment	1) Strongly satisfied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
(How do you rate) The quality of training provided	1) Strongly satisfied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Somewhat satisfied	3) OK	4) Somewhat dissatisfied	5) Strongly dissatisfied	6) No opinion
How knowledgeable is our staff?	1) Extremely knowledgeable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Somewhat knowledgeable	3) OK	4) Somewhat unknowledgeable	5) Extremely unknowledgeable	6) No opinion
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How would you rate the value of Akaku to our community?	1) Very valuable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Somewhat valuable	3) OK	4) Minimal value	5) No Value	6) No opinion
<b>Should Akaku be exempted from the competitive bid process?</b>	1) Yes	2) No	3) No Opinion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Comment(s):

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**Your responses to these questions are optional**

Your Name ~ Briana Candelaria  
 Your email address ~ briana3soccer@yahoo.com  
 Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment(s): *Maybe doing a work-trade for those who cannot afford your courses would help.*

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### Your responses to these questions are optional

Your Name *Alisha Naomi Fisher*  
 Your email address *faphotography@yahoo.ca*  
 Your phone number *808-573-3773*

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Comment(s):

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Your Name Geri Harmon

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number 281-9999

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 Your email address wedabout@aol.com  
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*I really appreciate the programming on AKAKU and the forum it provides for nonprofits to get valuable information out to the community. The staff is always very pleasant, knowledgeable and professional to deal with.*

Your responses to these questions are optional  
 Your Name: SALLY BARRON  
 Your email address: Sally@Kidneyhi.org  
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Comment(s):  
*Over the years it has been great working with Akaku - they are always available and willing to help promote all cultural activities - they are valued within the community.*

Your responses to these questions are optional

Your Name Sandy Ferguson  
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Comment(s): *Great program. I appreciate everything they do. They have made my video + film passions come to life. Thank you Akaku.*

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Your Name Michael Thork  
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 344-5336

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Comment(s): *Keep up the good work!*

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 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comment(s):

I love Akaku and what it does for the community - I would not like to see this tampered with in any way -

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Your Name Miriam de Vera  
 Your email address whiteowl/video@yahoo.com  
 Your phone number 871-1130

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*This attack on the PEG's ~~share~~ from the state is borderline illegal & definitely immoral.*

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 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 208-8747

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Comment(s):  
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 Your Name NESTOR A - DOLLOSAE  
 Your email address dolloae.n@aol.com  
 Your phone number (808) 873-7017

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 Your email address ronskier@maui.net  
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Your Name Melissa Prince  
 Your email address mittiprince@hotmail.com  
 Your phone number 572-1867

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Comment(s): AKAKU ROCKS MY SOCKS!!!

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Your Name Arjuna McLaughlin  
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 Your phone number 205-4137

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Comment(s):

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 Your email address: francesca.shawronsi@yahoo.com  
 Your phone number: (h) 575-2906

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Comment(s):

I really enjoy all the programs, they are educational and I learn a lot about what is going on in the community. The variety is great as well.

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Your Name Christine Rosa  
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 281-4276

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Comment(s): *Government has no business in AKAKU's business. We need to be exempt from the RFP process and given all the money the DCCA collects.*

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Your Name AL SERRANO  
 Your email address ALBERTWAIL@AOL.COM  
 Your phone number 242-4186

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Comment(s):  
 I WOULD LIKE AKAKU OPEN ON SUNDAY  
 I REALLY LIKE XTV CHANNEL 64

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Your Name JOHN BARTLOME  
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 808 876 1051

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Comment(s):  
 The items I marked low are a result of the strained budget Akaku has to live with. I'm sure these services only need additional funding to show improvement. Continue on back

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Your Name Linda Dorset  
 Your email address Saurys-11@hotmail.com  
 Your phone number 242-7916

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Your Name WARREN GIBSON  
 Your email address WARGIB@YAHOO.COM  
 Your phone number 808 250 2022

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Comment(s):  
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 CAN COME AND TAKE EQUIPMENT OUT & USE IT ALREADY

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Your Name Rob Hilburn  
 Your email address MANIFIED@JUNO.COM  
 Your phone number 579-8200

AND HAVE IT ON AIR  
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 Your email address REEDA006@HAWAII.PR.COM  
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Your Name Harold Bustamante  
 Your email address pachamama@photos.net  
 Your phone number 1-800-247-0363 x5563 / 707-799-7235

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 AKAKU services have been reduced due to limited funds. Prior to recent reduction overall service was excellent! Please restore adequate funding for staff & equipment, to serve the community of Maui County!!

Your responses to these questions are optional  
 Your Name Emanuel Weiswasser  
 Your email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your phone number 808 573-0365

Restore and increase funds!!!

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AKAKU IS HIGHLY NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY & SERVE'S IT WELL!

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 Your email address GLENNW@AOL.COM  
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Comment(s): *would like later hours, to work. more equipment to check out. Bid process, is ambiguous, Do they bid to get contract, OR make promises. Would not bidding, mean less monies?*

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 Your email address kttsai12@aol.com  
 Your phone number 250-0719

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cc:  
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I think this is a really really important issue so I made it a point to come here. The service that we have received from AKAKU since 1990 has been exemplary. They have built an organization that is envied nationwide. And anything that would threaten that organization and the investment in the public's cable access fees I see as a direct threat to public access on Maui and to free speech on Maui. (applause)

Why is AKAKU so important to us? We are small islands and a small county and we have only one daily paper with which to get the news of the day, and print media is many times written with some bias by the reporter. So you don't necessarily get the whole truth and all the facts connected with any event and any issue in the print media. They are constrained by daily deadlines, space, whatever it might be and also they may be constrained by any personal bias that the reporter might have. And that's why it's so important that we continue have our services continued by AKAKU, to our community because it gives the community the right to see what's actually happening in their community and within their government. Because by

sitting at home and watching AKAKU they are able to participate in their government and see exactly what's going on without any bias being applied to the outcome of whatever decision making may be going on. This is the people's business and they have a right to a front row seat to what is going on in their county government And AKAKU provides this, and they provide that in an exemplary way. I think if you open this up to any kind of a bid process you are exposing AKAKU to the possibility of losing what they have built over the last 15 years. We need to protect this investment. This is an invaluable service for everybody in the county and any threat to this service is really unacceptable. (Applause) This organization has displayed their ability to provide the service to the community time and time again. Prior to becoming a council member I was an aide to a council member so I have been intimately involved in what AKAKU has been able to provide for the county for the last 8 years and they have always stepped up to the plate. Any time there has been a problem they have always solved it immediately and saw to it that it never happened again. So I believe that you have in HRS 103(d)-102 provides you with exemptions to the bid process and I believe that AKAKU fits within these exemptions and I would plead with you to exempt them from the open bid process and protect the investment that the community has put in to AKAKU all these years. Thank you very much.

Michelle Anderson



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Councilmember Michelle Anderson speaking on her own behalf

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I think this is a really really important issue so I made it a point to come here. The service that we have received from AKAKU since 1990 has been exemplary. They have built an organization that is envied nationwide. And anything that would threaten that organization and the investment in the public's cable access fees I see as a direct threat to public access on Maui and to free speech on Maui. (applause)

Why is AKAKU so important to us? We are small islands and a small county and we have only one daily paper with which to get the news of the day, and print media is many times written with some bias by the reporter. So you don't necessarily get the whole truth and all the facts connected with any event and any issue in the print media. They are constrained by daily deadlines, space, whatever it might be and also they may be constrained by any personal bias that the reporter might have. And that's why it's so important that we continue have our services continued by AKAKU, to our community because it gives the community the right to see what's actually happening in their



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Please send a copy of the following to Mr. Sonobe.

My name is Fred Ruy and I am a combat vet of the Korean war, so I know what fighting for freedom is all about.. Regardless of what we say in this hearing, all the public access stations in this state are fighting for their lives. It's a life or death situation. Now somebody there at the DCCA must play a lot of fantasy football. I looked at this little handout that you've given and you implied in the first paragraph of this handout that this hearing has nothing to do with the performances of any of these stations. I think it has everything to do with the performance of these stations. I think you guys are playing fantasy football. Number one, I was in the first graduating class of AKAKU, I think I it was `92 or `93, I even helped paint the walls for the station, and in all these years I've never seen a Public Access station anywhere that is so dedicated and does such a good job. Now you say here in your handout that the AG's office has asked you to look in to the procurement procedures of your office, I think that you're the ones that should be investigated. I think the AG should be looking in to the way the DCCA acts, not the way Public Television acts. I think that you're the ones that should be investigated. I think that we should find out and possibly we should ask for the federal AG's office to investigate the state AG's office because there`s a lot of politics behind this because the real economic terrorists not only on this island, but in the whole state, are the developers and the people that gave the politicians too much money. (applause) Now should the Public Access stations be subjected to the competitive bidding process? The answer is NO, NO, NO. I believe that the first and the fourteenth amendments protect the public access stations. I also believe that the bill of rights extends this to the state of Hawaii. The U.S. Supreme court landmark decision in 1925 said that the first amendment prohibits government infringement of freedom of speech applied to the states as well as the

federal government That's when the southern states were claiming states rights and that they had a right to go around the Bill of Rights. This decision was the first of a number of rulings holding that the 14th amendment extended the guarantees of the bill of rights to state action. If the DCCA acts against these freedoms they may be subject to class action lawsuits for violation of human rights and disregard of the first and fourteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States. I urge you to leave Public Access stations alone. Say no to complete bidding to public TV access.



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Please copy this to Mr. Sonobe,

Kenny Hultquist

I am a self employed fibre-artist paper maker woodworker for a living and an amature videographer for AKAKU. I'm a certified producer for AKAKU. I have five shows currently airing on AKAKU. I brought my file up here for dramatic effect. These are all the articles that have been written in the Maui News and other newspapers across the state and this baggy is all the letters to the editor that have been written. There's about 60 Letters to the Editor in there, most of them in support of AKAKU. The reasons for this meeting and others like it across the state, and the events that led to these meetings are very confusing. On the DCCA CATV website you post two job descriptions. The first says CATV issues francises to cable companies, monitors quality of service, regulates basic service rates and handles complaints about cable TV matters. The second description after you click on the website is a much longer and more elaborate version of the first, but oddly enough neither description says anything about regulating Public Access TV stations.

Over on the side of your site there are two ~~go to~~ centers, one called PEG access centers and another called PEG plan. The PEG Access site has responses from all the Public Access stations from July 2005, which is the P in PEG and to the Marina and Company third party review but conspicuous in it's absence are the responses from E & G, the Education and Government entities of the PEG. Why is it that only the Public part of the PEG part has to account for their administration of cable francise funds and not the Education and the Government Entities? The PEG plan ~~to go~~ on your websites last posting is a July 2004 amendment of the final PEG plan of January 2004. According to your website nothing has happened with DCCA CATV since July of 2005. No rulings, no letters, no hearings, nothing for the past 8 months. Thousands

of community access TV Board members, employees, producers students and other concerned citizens across the state know different. Other than the AG's ruling and subsequent state procurement office concurrence with the ruling, the DCCA and CATV doesn't seem to have a clue as to why they are holding the hearings like the one here today and the one on Molokai tomorrow and what they are going to do with their testimony. Neither the AG, the State Procurement Office, the DCCA nor the CATV officials seem to have a handle on what it is they can and cannot do in regards to community access television. So you're now coming around to the community to ask us what we think you guys should be doing. Last Sunday's paper Honolulu Advertiser, ~~¶~~Lingle aides bypass procurement process~~¶~~.

So Linda Lingle can bypass the procurement process. If I can read a little bit from this article. ~~¶~~Lingle administration officials may have violated state procurement laws last year when they selected a Honolulu non-profit organization to handle finances for the Governor's trade mission to China and Korea. Procurement laws are meant to insure the state gets the best value for it's money and that potential state suppliers are treated fairly. Ted Lu, the Director of the dept of business and economic development, said the state was not obligated to follow the state's usual procurement policies. TThat doesn't pass the smell test says Sen. Sam Slom. If people are going to believe in the procurement process then everybody has got to do the same thing and everybody has to be above board. And I don't think that's happening with the procurement process. It seems to me that since 1997 and especially in the past 8 months you have been getting quite a bit of input from the general concerned citizenry that you either don't know what to do with or have chosen to disregard. It seems that the DCCA and CATV was either unaware or have been ignoring state rules and regulations governing the oversight of local media access and also are not familiar with the bylaws of each of the independent Community Access Stations. A point of reference AKAKU Bylaws state a that a perspective Board member must be nominated by one of the P, E or G sectors, and a letter then be sent





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to the DCCA to review their qualifications for approval. After the DCCA approval, the Board votes Yea or Nay on the prospect. The DCCA circumvented that process with at least two AKAKU Board members in complete disregard for the Bylaws contributing heavily to the discord the Board was experiencing due to an attempted hostile takeover by a special interest faction. The DCCA is guilty of all this and more in spite of numerous attempts by outside producer organizations like the Hawai'i Community Television Producers Association and suggestions by the PEG Access Stations themselves, and this smells of special interest intervention. The state AG's office and the state procurement office ~~accidentally~~ found (and I don't think they accidentally found it, I think it was shown to them) that certain laws have been broken by DCCA and CATV for all these years, then they should fire themselves and be prosecuted for incompetence (applause) and not try to divert attention away from their inability to be knowledgeable of and interpret state rules and regulations by trying to shuck the blame on the stations. That's exactly what the DCCA is doing. What is the DCCA knee jerk reaction to the AG and SPO ruling? Amazingly, you guys didn't take a good hard look in the mirror. Your first official act was to slash funding to the public access stations to a trickle. Like it is somehow their fault that you guys don't know what it is you are supposed to be doing. In the past few months at the hands of the DCCA CATV, AKAKU has been reduced from being a viable and vibrant Non-profit Public Access entity with PEG funding in excess of \$800,000 to a ~~you might not even be here in 4 months~~ ~~Here's~~ token Hundred and twenty five thousand for you guys to slide by on~~ed~~, all at the hands of the DCCA. You have in effect penalized AKAKU financially and have put in to question the actions and hampered the ability of AKAKU and other Public Access Stations to function while attempting to breath the poisoned air and atmosphere of ineptitude and incompetence known as the DCCA. You created and have sustained this obstruction of community service for

far too long. What has AKAKU done to deserve this kind of treatment from the DCCA? The very organization assigned to ensure the advancement and continuance of their highly successful Cable Access Program. The DCCA aided and abetted in the firing of CEO Sean McLaughlin by helping special interests to stack the BOARD 7 to 6. At every juncture that the DCCA has authority, and somewhere they didn't DCCA has made a ruling that further hinders the ability of AKAKU to function. The DCCA seems bent on intentionally crippling AKAKU. This stinks of special interest intervention. Taking the track record of the DCCA/CATV for the past few years into consideration, do you honestly think that in four short months you can formulate and implement a solid plan of how and where to disburse the PEG funds, prepare an accrediting criteria for bidders, create a fair bidding formula, and execute to administer a plan of evaluation to be sure that the stations be run efficiently and fairly? Otherwise what's to stop our favorite special interest groups from submitting a low bid and hiring a group of sub-par employees and just running AKAKU or whatever they might call it in to the ground. That is an on the record, stated goal of at least one developer here on Maui. In any case your timeline seems extremely ambitious to me and to many others. If the DCCA in fact decides to put public access out to a competitive bidding process, January 2007 will be a more reasonable deadline. It still remains that one person initiated and perpetuated this hurricane of controversy that has enveloped the community of maui. He used his wealth and political connections as a former UH Regent to introduce to two bills to the State Legislature. Bills HB 784 and SB 959 to launched his campaign to destroy AKAKU. He has committed hundreds if thousand of dollars attempting to pass those bills, flying people to O'ahu to testify, hiring lobbyists, lawyers and consultants. He tried everything in his power to stack the board with his business associates. It is very perplexing how a well-educated, well-connected, and wealthy individual decided tha in order to achieve his goal of high end gated community development on Maui that he was going to have to end the existence of the highly successful little television station AKAKU. Developer Everett Dowling and his cronies have become obsessed with shutting down one of the best community access TV stations in the entire nation so that he can develop Makena and sell multimillion-dollar estates to off-islanders. It is my opinion that Dowling & Company has had a heavy hand in escalating his assault on AKAKU to now include ALL of the states public access stations on all the islands. Why shake up just one when you can shake up all of them? The satisfying

aspect of why one person would go to such great lengths is because AKAKU must be doing something right. Maybe it is simply that AKAKU allows freedom of speech without censorship, or as their mission statement says, ~~✘~~Empowering our community's voice through access to media.~~✘~~ DCCA wants to reduce the public's access to public television, not expand it. I watched the video on the Feb 10 Board meeting last Sunday night, and I was actually pleasantly surprised that two of the special interest members were somewhat agreeable and seemed to have some compatible interests with some of the other Board members, and that was pretty refreshing. It looks as though the mediation might possibly be working, but it also seems that a new monster looms on the horizon in the form of unreasonable state regulation. As thousands of people are waiting and watching to see what becomes of unreasonable regulation only public access and free speech venue available to the community voice on the islands of Maui. Traditional television and cable programming have hundreds of channels at their disposal. Let the PEGs have their five channels without censorship or government intervention. In conclusion, nothing was wrong with the system until special interests and state regulators got involved, and I ask that you take that into consideration when you make your decision about whether or not to put public access television out to competitive bidding.



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Subject: Testimony of Barbara Collins

Please copy Mr. Sonobe on this.

Barbara Collins (difficult to do, choppy)

I came out today because I really care about what is happening to AKAKU. I watch AKAKU on a regular basis and find it represents the entire population on Maui. It gives everyone an opportunity to express there concerns. It is fully public access TV. It is very very wonderful And I am quite concerned about what has happened over the past year. What will happen if others take over? And who is elegible to bid? Will it just represent political power interests or just business and power interests I don't know anybody here and I thank everybody that has said things that are similar to my own views.



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Subject: Testimony of Sean Lester

Please forward to Mr. Sonobe,

Sean Lester

First of all thank you for coming here. I know it must be difficult to sit in front of a group of people who what you are seeing is Maui, and as far as two hours, that's not enough. If you have to come back again, and again, and again, and again for a day or a week or a month, we have thousands of people that care very deeply about what is happening to our station. So I'm going to request in the beginning that every single person here be allowed to speak. Every voice here carries exactly the same amount of weight. We are all citizen's here, this is our county, we pay our taxes. This is something to do with us and our children and our future. We want to be able to speak and be heard. As most things in democracy, it begins with a request in the beginning, and it goes from there. So I'd actually like to have this last as long as possible until the police show up at this door over here and tell us we can't be here. Let's go back to what kind of began this whole potpourri of problems that the DCCA, I'm sure would quite rather be doing other things besides what we are doing right here today. It all came down to a point that, we are looking at in government all over the United State, especially here in Hawaii now and definitely here in Maui. (Unintelligible) The group has a way of distributing funds (unintelligible) MCC. And what happened was they definitely wanted to have an accountability of the funds so that they could go back and say ~~fine~~ the funds are being spent in this way~~, and they've never gotten an accountability from Mr. Sakamoto or MCC as to how the funds are being spent or have been spent in the past. Now, they're Board members that have a fiduciary responsibility to the corporation to ensure the funds are being spent properly. They can actually be sued if they don't so that So what started this whole affair can be solved by a full accounting by Mr. Sakamoto and MCC for every~~

single penny that they've ever spent since 1990 on public access., where the funds went to. And I think that will take care of a portion of the problem right now. I am also taking in to account the fact that we are in a politically charged year. The governor is up for re-election Now we really have to take a look at how much of this has to do with politics and how much of it has to do with what we really need here on Maui as people. The bottom line is we need to have AKAKU fully funded. We need to have the people that have spent the last 15 years building this organization be funded as well as they can be and to ensure that we don't go out to bid because that is going to open it up simply for a quagmire. You know, AKAKU is built on volunteerism, it's built on interest by people. That's kind of a sacred thing here on Maui. Now take a look at how many people are here. How many hundreds of man hours have gone in to coming here and sitting here and waiting to speak. They've got kids at home, they have got a thousand other things to do. To bring this number of people together in one place really speaks volumes. So it's got to mean something. Give Maui what we want. Give us AKAKU, allow us to be fully funded. I really (unintelligible) the state is suddenly showing up saying you have got to go out to bid. It just smells of pilikia. It not quite right.

So the people of Maui want our AKAKU station. The volunteers have done an amazing job, they show up in the middle of rainstorms, whatever is going on, to really document it, and that doesn't lie. The person sitting here, they can't take back what they say. And that's what makes America a great place. We've got the ability to sit here and have unbridled whatever it is on live television. We can see that and we can make our votes, we can make our decisions, we can talk to our neighbors based on that. AKAKU is the basis of what we do here. Please don't take it away from us. Thank you very much



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Please forward to Mr. Sonobe.

Leila Nichol

Aloha, My name is Leila Nichol . Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak. I don't know who Sean McLaughlin is, never met the man. But I ran a nonprofit agency for 5 years and was able to use the services of AKAKU to produce a video explaining the mission of my nonprofit. Through airing that on AKAKU I did receive quite a bit of support from the community. It was an invaluable resource. I am also as a fledgling producer, I use the services here at AKAKU to float my projects, to make sure they are publicly ready I think this is a very important aspect to our community, to be able to have access to media. I've never been told I couldn't run anything I've brought in to AKAKU. They've always been very supportive and helpful when I needed it, and it seems to me that the issues here now about redistributing the funding for AKAKU kind of reflects a deeper social problem of trying to limit access to the public airways, and that is my main concern. The RFP process seems to be stifling our ability to talk to our community. And that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.



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Please forward to Mr. Sonobe.

Melissa Prince

My name is Melissa Prince and some of you may have seen me around at a lot of the community meetings and government meetings. If I see them in the paper I take the camera and go set up and I put the meetings on AKAKU. I didn't start out here to do reporting or journalism. I came to AKAKU just to do fun videos, dance videos and puppet shows and things like that. When I realized that the channel was under attack, then I had to shift gears and do more of a political coverage kind of thing. It's kind of weird that the trend of the media is, not just in Hawaii, but across the nation, is that the corporations own the media, and so basically they have abdicated their position to provide meaningful free speech. (Applause) And so I'm thinking ~~Wow~~. Who is it falling to? ~~It's~~ falling to the volunteers like myself and the other public access producers who are picking up the slack really and trying to provide what should be provided by the professionals. And so I'm at these meetings and I'll see a Maui News reporter over there, and an article will come out the next day in the paper. And I'll read the article and I'll realize, My gosh, they left out this important information in this article! And I'll know because I was at the meeting video taping it. I wasn't going to get in to the details, but I just can't hold back on this one. I went to the BOE meeting in the Kihei Library. The first speaker there was the President of HSTA, and he asked the Board ~~Can~~ you please have some teachers included on the Committee of Weights? ~~The~~ Committee of Weights is going to determine what the budgets are going to be for the schools. And when the article came out in the paper, they didn't even mention it. There was no mention that the president of HSTA was a speaker, what he talked about, what he asked for, nothing. The whole slant was should schools be permitted to have waiver days. And the light went on, and I said ~~Oh~~,



get it. I get it now. The Maui News has so much power and control to direct what people will know and think and understand. If you aren't at that meeting and you don't sit through the whole thing and hear everything and you read the paper and that's the only information you are going to get, they can crush good ideas and move forward their ideas which are represented by the Corporation. Everybody knows Maui News is now owned by Ogden Newspapers of Wheeling, West Virginia. What is a corporation in West Virginia wanting to own all the newspapers on Maui? Now isn't that kind of strange? I find that rather strange. My last letter to the editor was ☒There must be some corporate interest going on here.☒ I said the Maui News needs a baby sitter because they are not doing their job properly. And I'm sure there must be some corporate interest going on here. I'm not going to go on and on. There was this article, interestingly in the Maui News, Feb 13. It says ☒Rice, Democracy in Russia heading in the wrong direction☒ Let me just read a couple paragraphs. ☒Citing troubling behavior by the Kremlin, Secretary of State Condaleeza Rice expressed skepticism on Sunday about the future of Democracy in Russia. And then it goes on to say about how democracy is in trouble and this and that. And then ☒Other nations and human rights groups have expressed concern as a Putin guided Kremlin has established control of parliament, ended popular elections for regional governors, placed new rules on political parties and cut back on the independence of national media. Now what is the point? If Condaleeza Rice is criticizing Russia for not having an independent media, the same is true here on Maui. We must have independent media. (Applause) It is so true. I would like to encourage everybody to please vote. Remember that Mark Recktenwald is right under Gov. Lingle. And this is one of my criticisms of her. I agree withy some of the things she stands for, but I am very disturbed about the direction she is going with the DCCA through Director Rectenwald. And also on the county level, this is another thing the Maui News has not covered. There is a group called COMET pushing for property tax reforms. They have some wonderful ideas. Once again I attended meeting and there is nothing in the paper about it. So please keep AKAKU open because that's the only way people are going to hear about meaningful tax reform is on AKAKU.



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Please forward to Mr. Sonobe.

Kirk McNabb

Thank you for hearing me this afternoon. On a bit of a lighter note, I am not knowledgeable about everything that's going on here today. I am just a neophyte producer. I was pleased to hear years ago that here was a service at AKAKU that would allow me to learn video production. It was great to be able to come to this organization that could teach someone who just had a dream to be able to understand what needed to be done to produce a small program, and they gave me the training and provided me with the equipment to do that. I've been able to produce a couple of shows. I've been able to share some of my skills that were taught to me at AKAKU with friends, family, loved ones, and community members, that have appreciated it and it has benefited and enriched their lives. Personally I'd like to thank the AKAKU team for doing what they do, their dedication and their professionalism. One other thing that I'd like to mention here is that I saw something that I didn't know was going on. And that is, with AKAKU being under siege by possible political and commercial interests. And instead of coming up with facts and figures, and deep understanding, . Just know that I'd like to say that if the political or commercial think they can get more honey by kicking the bee hive, they are wrong. Cause, as you can see, there's a lot of people here who are willing and there are going to be those with letters to DCCA, And they are going to get stung in the ass. Thank you for hearing me.



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Subject: Testimony of Chivo Ching Johnson

Please forward to Mr. Sonobe.

Chivo Ching Johnson

Thank you for showing up. Glad we didn't shoot the messenger. I had the pleasure of being the first employee of AKAKU back in the early '90's. At the time the sole purpose of putting AKAKU together was for what is happening now, and the job that everybody has done and is being done now is exemplary and is better than we could have imagined. The people of Maui County are more involved, are really happy and benefiting from it except for a few seanophytes or whatever. The bottom line of what I would like to know is what is really going on, and cut through all the crap, and what is really going on. Did the Attorney General wake up one day and think, "You know, I wonder about Public Access and government contracts. I think I am going to look into it." I just don't buy it. It seems to me that just possibly there might be money that might be involved. There might be politics, there might be power, land

CS explains that Director Recktenwald asked for the opinion in Aug '05. The AG's office responded in October of '05.

The audience asked who asked Director Rectenwald to do that.

The next comments are Mr. Ching Johnson

And how did that come about? Who wasn't happy with what they weren't getting, or what they were getting and didn't want it to come out on the airwaves? Because all of a sudden it just comes out of nowhere. I don't buy it.

CS repeats his timeline.

Mr. Ching Johnson:

Who's been asking the question of him? That's what we need to find out, because that's really what it's all about s we all know, and that`s really what`s not acceptable. (applause)

CS speaks about the discussions about the contracts. He seems to feel that those negotiations were the trigger to the question. (Interesting, he couldn't speak to the Director's thought previously) Then he goes back to the timeline. ❖I'm just giving you the facts.

Mr. Ching Johnson And I believe that. I believe that's why they have you here. Basically, I believe that you honestly can go for the deniability thing. You are doing your job. But what I'm saying is I believe what's going on behind the scenes is what we need to discuss. When we started building AKAKU MCC, everybody wanted more money.

CS the director made sure he was in compliance with all state laws.

Mr. Ching Johnson; I believe that. Whether the laws are just, that's another topic. For example, as far as this big review going on now, when there is a big piece of a pie, everybody wants a little bit of it, and some people want more than a little bit of it. When we started AKAKU there was a huge dispute over who got what percentage of the funds, and it was that the cable company, being a monopoly, put a percentage of its gross in a holding tank and we were entitled to it, and education wanted more than they were going to get, and there were threats and back and forth. Now money is once again added and whether it was something real or something imagined like say development of our favorite beaches or whatever it is, there's money involved and that's what is causing this whole thing, because right now it really ain't broke and it doesn't need to be fixed.



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I'm deeply, deeply distressed that Director Recktenwald is not here. I don't understand. Is he planning on watching the tapes from these meetings? I'd really like him to get the word from the people, not through another employee, I think that's very important. My comments are highly inhibited due to the limbo status of the mediation at this time. I am very unhappy about that, and I am very startled that Chancellor Sakamoto felt comfortable talking about that. Putting PEG channels out to RFP. I'm having a real hard time wrapping my mind around the concept of putting free speech out to the lowest bidder. I don't get that at all. The potential of putting it in the hands of profiteers, of having it go to somebody that's running a for-profit company. I think that's the first thing you need to rule out in these deliberations. I don't think our young people are being maimed and dying in Iraq so we can put our public right to free speech her in Maui out for bid. I don't think that's right.

I find this a very onerous kind of project for the state to take on as well.. You have four counties that are very, very, very different. You have the Big Island, which has two very distinct areas on it. You have O'ahu which has a huge population. You have Kauai which is a fairly small entity, and then you have Maui, which is 3 and now 4 islands with our new budding Kaho'olawe growing right before our very eyes, that we need to service. So to figure out RFPs for each county seems to me to be a very, very, very difficult task to take on, and to complete it within a few months would seem to me to not be very practical. You said you would not be deciding this by June 30th, then I would ask you sir, please give us our money. If that's the reason you withheld it, which is what I'm told, was because you were going to do this RFP thing as of June 30th, and you say you are not, please give us our money.

CS The dept plans to inform the state procurement office whether or not they will seek an exemption.

NLP You are putting yourself under an impossible time crunch, and no offense, but I worked for the state. It ain't gonna happen, dude. As you can see, emotions are running very, very, very high throughout Maui Nui.

Even your choice of location and timing has brought suspicion upon you. I think that it's important to recognize that we are not talking about AKAKU, we are not talking about some little entity, we are talking about free speech. And we are talking about a group that has allowed free speech from the day they opened their doors. I don't know if you are aware of it, but if you took a VHS tape in to AKAKU and you handed it to the guy at the desk, and you filled out the paper, they would air it. They won't look at it first. They won't care that you live on Oahu. They will put it on the air. If someone doesn't like it, you will get the phone call. Trust me dude, I've gotten them. But that is free speech. That is the ultimate of free speech, And in our recent history Everett Dowling has tried with his corporate buddies to take that away from us. And guarantee you that Maui County will not tolerate it. They will not accept Everett Dowling taking control of AKAKU. Now he's got a real close friendship with Mr. Sakamoto.

Maybe you can help me with this. The only two groups that I am aware of that would like to go up for bid against the current PEG channel companies are UH Hilo and MCC. Is that correct? Has anyone else expressed interest?

CS I have never heard from either entity regarding the RFP. Interest in bidding.

NLP Oh that's very interesting. I've gotten emails on both, so that is very interesting to hear that. I would like to address that potential, especially after our last three speakers, because it seems to me they're trying to pave the way for something, I don't know what it is, but... Mike Alpert testified before the Board, and I am proud to say that we allocated as much time as the people of Maui Nui needed from us, and I would appreciate it if you would arrange another meeting and do the same and allow these good people to speak to you. He, in his testimony tried to explain to us that censorship was a good thing. You get rid of all the bad words and all the things that are unpleasant for people. And I'm very concerned that with his association with MCC that censorship would happen. I don't see how a Community College, or a

State entity, could not censor, I don't know how they can't do that. So unless you have someone else that wants to bid, we are talking about a moot point here, because the college campuses are not able to not censor, and they've said that, they've made that very clear themselves.

If you put the PEG channels up for RFP are you also going to put the money you give to PBS up also for RFP and how are you going to do that? Why wouldn't they be subject to the RFP process, what do you give them, one million, two million dollars? Of those funds? Why wouldn't they be?

Mr Sonobe stated that this activity at this time is limited to the PEG organizations.

Nancy Lee Potter: Well then I'd suggest that you take that in to consideration. Well, I find it very strange that we are the only state in the USA that does give money to PBS and yet they are not being held to the same standard. That reeks, sir. That stinks.

(Comment from audience ✖Well they (PBS) paid for the Governor's debate✖.)

I think you are also being unrealistic when you say there will not be a break in services. I don't think you can change from one management company to another and not have a break in services. That doesn't make any sense to me. If you do decide to have an RFP process, which I am absolutely against in this situation, I would like to ask you that your number one issue be than any company bidding refuse to censor under any circumstances. That they would refuse to limit access. MCC only allows access to their current student body. They do not allow access one minute after you finish their class. Well, I shouldn't say that, a few people have been given that access, but for us normal folks, they don't do that. You need to not have it go to a for-profit company, You need to not have it be under the control of any state agency or any other politically controlled body.

I want to mention also that several of my producers say that if you want to do an RFP process, I'm the Board member that is elected by the producers, my producers would like you to split it up so that the E can go to Everett, it's his initial anyway, and the Government can do, they cost us money to provide the services that we do. We don't begrudge it, I don't think, as a board, but they do cost us money. And to have the Public Access be controlled by the producers, by the people of Maui County. We have a very diverse

group as you can see, and they rarely are shy about keeping their opinions to themselves. That's one of the things I really appreciate about Maui. I grew up on O'ahu and moved over here and have never regretted the move. The people of Maui are beyond delightful.

I thought Nathan Perriera made a good point when he said ~~all~~ they wanted was to tell the truth and let the people speak. ~~I~~ I know that there are people that have testified before you that have stories that are not pleasant, in their experience at AKAKU, and in my opinion, their experiences were their own doing. And I'm glad somebody finally told the truth, Buck. I'm really glad somebody finally shined the light on that.

It's about time that the truth came out why you are so venomous.

I'd like to ask can you explain to the people of Maui Nui why Director Recktenwald would refuse to get involved in the issues at AKAKU. Why, when I begged him months and months ago, to put us in mediation, he refused until finally the tide turned against Everett.

Can you tell me what caused that change in him?

Mr. Sonobe states he cannot speak for the Director.

Nancy Lee Potter: And I want to know also, you came up with a million and a half dollars recently. And gave it back to the cable companies. In consideration of what's going on at AKAKU, you'd have to be deaf, dumb and blind in your job, sir, to not know that we needed that money. And you don't look any of those to me. Why would you give it back to the Cable Companies?

At his juncture Mr. Sonobe states he has no idea what money I am talking about.

NLP: I guess they were supposed to be for administrative funds and weren't used. Did you just not take money from them that we could have used? A million and a half bucks we're talking about here, so that must ring some kind of chime in your head.

Mr. Sonobe continue to deny any knowledge of a million and a half dollars that was not collected from the cable companies. This is real money, and playing dumb is not appropriate.

An ADDENDUM

Mr. Recktenwald, Mr. Sonobe denied any knowledge of what I could be talking about. The money could have been but was not collected from the cable companies. His denial of any knowledge was at the least disingenuous, and at worst tantamount to a lie. It



also came out during the course of the hearing that it was you that requested the opinion from the AG's office regarding this issue in August. Your actions and the timing are highly suspicious, and the fact that you are targeting only PEG channels, and excluding PBS gives many pause for thought as to the possibility of political influence overriding common sense within your position as Director. The testimony that followed mine shows you that the people of Maui Nui see what is REALLY going on, and are not falling for the slippery answers they are being given.

At this point Mr. Sonobe stopped the meeting. Only 29 of the 80 people that wanted to speak were heard. We had checked and there were a number of state rooms available that could have accommodated a hearing long in to the evening. It is clear that the DCCA is not interested in hearing what the people of Maui have to say.

As I have stated before, I am against an RFP process. That process is designed to help the state monitor it's money. THIS IS NOT THE STATE'S MONEY. It comes from the cable subscribers. These access non-profits were formulated to fulfill the necessary requirements. You have not received a request for an opportunity to bid, and you have not received complaints that would warrant such a process being instigated. IF, however, you should choose to ignore the masses and decide to support an RFP process, I would suggest that you use the services that AKAKU was giving BEFORE OUR FUNDS WERE SPLIT, as your standard for any RFP you decide to issue. Then I would suggest that you take that million and a half dollars that Mr. Sonobe seems to have forgotten and give it to the Public Access stations, where it should have gone in the first place. The people of Maui County are very clear that the service provided by AKAKU meets their needs fully. It is a perfect standard for an RFP should you continue in your placement of obstacles in the path of free speech.

The people here are clear as to what is really going on behind the scenes. That the Governor is clearly supporting your continued inability to assist Public Access in functioning honorably and ethically is a matter of much discussion on Maui and Molokai. It did not go unnoticed that you refused to get involved until the Board was taken over and placed back within the law and Robert's rules of Order, as required by our Bylaws. The assumption with those that speak to me is that the Governor, through her old association with Everett Dowling's friends on Maui, is ASSISTING

IN THE DESTRUCTION OF FREE SPEECH IN MAUI COUNTY. If you wish to change that perception, you need to take a stand for what is right, and not only request an exemption for RFP because of the fact that you are not dealing with state monies, and because it is not practicable when the current entities are clearly fulfilling the needs of the people. Then you need to give us enough money to function again. Otherwise, the people of Maui County will know that you are not on their side, on the side of free speech.

IF you need more definition on how AKAKU runs, I will be happy to ask our Chair to ask our acting CEO to send you any information you might need to design an RFP that will provide exactly what is currently being provided.

It would also be good for you to personally come to Maui and hear what the people have to say to you. It was clear that your dept didn't give a damn by scheduling this last meeting the way they did.

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Mr. Jinobe Caldwell

I've been going to AKAKU almost every day for the past three years. I have had absolutely no problems with the people there. Their training has been excellent. Their cooperation is just untouchable. And all this seems to be just a political move to me. It doesn't seem like it's trying to help the people, just some kind of political shenanigans going on. I'm not really clear on what is going on. I'm a peacemaker, and I'm not going to blame you or blame somebody else for this. When I go to AKAKU that's my theme. Let's work together and let's have peace. That's where I'm coming from. I really feel very strongly about the personnel. They have been really, really wonderful, honest, helpful people. And I have seen no shenanigans there in three years of any kind. And they run on a reduced budget where they have had to let some of their best people go because they don't have enough funds. Funds have been held, things like that and I see these people disappearing and they are really fine people. They are really dedicated people. And that's about all I have to say.



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Darin Correo

Thank you for taking the time to hear the community. I am a resident of Maui County, a cable subscriber, a regular watcher of AKAKU. I am also a producer, and regular volunteer. I've taken all the classes offered. Through my volunteer and class time, I've had the opportunity and the pleasure of talking to the staff of AKAKU about technical, production and programming issues. The quality and quantity of training that AKAKU provides is exceptional. The quality and broad scope of the staff's technical and creative knowledge is extraordinary, particularly for such a small community. The staff is made up of extraordinary people, and every time I walk in to the station I learn something new. I volunteer regularly at AKAKU because I want to give back to the community. I want to give back to Maui, a place that has given me so much. What I appreciate the most about AKAKU and its staff is its unwavering commitment solely to the best interest of the Maui Community. As I see it AKAKU is a nonprofit organization with no self interest and no agenda. It has no interest in censoring or skewing any voice on any issue. It exists solely for the benefit of our community. It wants to provide a medium for all voices and give the community full access to all available information that impacts the community. These five cable stations are all about public access. That's AKAKU's sole mission and it does it very well. I wouldn't volunteer my time at AKAKU if it did anything else. In getting to know the AKAKU staff, I found not one of them to have any

political agenda. When it comes to programming and production, they have no bias on any issue that I am aware of. These are talented and exceptional people and they are very committed. They want to provide the highest broadcast standards and the highest quality public access station possible. To open up the competitive bidding process, particularly to for-profit organizations would be to threaten the Maui community's public access. It would invite the risk of censorship, potentially leaving Maui community with less or even worse, skewed information and less of a voice. It would invite personal agendas in to the programming mix to the detriment of our community. As I understand it the State of Hawaii would save no money by requiring the competitive bidding process, since the funds for the stations are fixed by a formula and are received from Time Warner and don't come from the State. My understanding is the difference in the quality of services that could be provided. Given my exposure to AKAKU I find it inconceivable that any other organization could offer a better, more trusted broadcast and production service. I didn't realize I could ask a question. I thought I'd throw in one question that hasn't been answered yet. Should an entity particularly a for-profit entity take over the services. If there were censorship, what would the state do about it? How could that be handled?

Mr. Sonobe's answer is difficult to decipher on my DVD.

And the process by which a producer would complain? Whenever we receive a complaint we prefer that the complaint be handled by the PEG Access organization because we don't want to be involved in the day to day operations.

DC. I do trust and appreciate AKAKU. It is a caring member of our community.