



*Increasing opportunities for Wai'anae Coast residents by developing the community's rich natural, cultural, and human resources.*

**MAOLIPRENEUR**

**WEDC WAI'ANA E ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**REGISTRATION HAPPENING NOW!**

▶▶▶ SAVE MY SPOT

5 Week Cohort starting on July 9, 2024 📅

The graphic is a vertical rectangular panel with a light green background. At the top, the word 'MAOLIPRENEUR' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, on the left, is a smartphone frame containing a close-up photograph of a plant with large, reddish-purple leaves covered in water droplets. A QR code is positioned in the bottom-left corner of the phone's screen. To the right of the phone, the WEDC logo is repeated in a smaller size. Below the logo, the text 'REGISTRATION HAPPENING NOW!' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath this text is a white play button icon followed by the text 'SAVE MY SPOT'. At the bottom of the panel, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text '5 Week Cohort starting on July 9, 2024' in white, followed by a white calendar icon.

Maolipreneur is a program for business owners who are looking to grow, thrive and scale. Participants experience an increased income from self-employment through:

- Business Workshops

- 1:1 Business coaching
- Accountability Group

5 Week Cohort starting on July 9, 2024.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the waitlist



In honor of Small Business Month, we will share stories of small business owners in the state throughout the rest of May!

Follow us on IG @thewedc.hi and @pakiniloanfund to read these amazing stories.

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# Nānākuli and Wai'anae Internship Program

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



SEEKING LEEWARD AND CENTRAL OAHU  
BUSINESSES TO BE AN EMPLOYER HOST FOR A  
6-WEEK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM  
WITH THE STUDENTS OF THE  
NĀNĀKULI AND WAI'ANAE COMPLEX.

Employers welcomed in business & administration, healthcare, technology, hospitality & tourism, creative industries, clean energy, manufacturing, retail, and more.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Dates: June 10 - July 19, 2024
- Hours:
  - 10 hours per week (60 hours total)
  - Schedule decided between you and student
- Employers to be onboarded and trained by the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii

## EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- Build your future workforce
- Gain additional support with a Summer Intern
- Provide an opportunity for youth in the Nānākuli - Wai'anae community
- Create a flexible intern schedule based on employer availability

**COST: FREE TO YOU!**

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PROVIDE THE  
STUDENT INTERN(S)  
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TO BE AN EMPLOYER  
HOST, EMAIL

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JOIN US AND MAKE SURE  
OUR COMMUNITY STAYS CONNECTED!

# IS YOUR INTERNET CONNECTION SLOW?

Join us for a BEAD Challenge Info Session  
Two Sessions are available. Limited Seating.



TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

10 AM - 12 PM



Ka'aha'aina Café  
Waianae Coast Comprehensive  
Health Care Center  
86-260 Farrington Hwy. Waianae



THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

10 AM - 12 PM



Community Room  
Kaiser Permanente West O 'ahu  
Medical Office at Kapolei  
401 Kamokila Blvd. Kapolei

Hosted by:

WEST OAHU COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



REGISTER HERE



#### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

##### Learn About BEAD:

Understand the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and how it can improve internet access in our community.

##### Importance of the Challenge Process:

Discover the multiple ways to submit a challenge and determine the eligible and required documents needed to provide evidence. The session will mostly focus on Speed test and availability of service.

##### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Community Members  
Non-profit organizations  
Community-based organizations  
Anyone interested in improving our local internet access

##### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

We need your participation to ensure everyone in our community has a fast and reliable internet connection. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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# Ladies Night Out

Networking Event

6  
June

5:30pm-7:30pm

House of SAVON

6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy  
Suite 114, Honolulu, HI 96825

- NETWORKING WITH LIKE-MINDED WOMEN
- LIGHT PUPUS
- 2 DRINK TICKETS
- ADORNMENT STATION
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**PRIZES AND MORE!**

\$27 to Pre-register    \$35 at the Door



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**WEDC BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## Unified by a shared commitment to positive change

Stand up with Wai'anae Cares and become part of our group as we work towards positive change and transformative impact in our community from Kahe to Kaena! #WaianaeCares

[LEARN MORE](#)

Our service is tailored for passionate individuals like you, who are eager to start a nonprofit but don't know where to begin.

Discover how we can turn your vision into reality with half the stress!

[LEARN MORE](#)

### DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR NON-PROFIT OFF THE GROUND?!

We will walk you through the process of opening a nonprofit organization!

We will help you...

- Meet legal and regulatory requirements
- Define your mission and develop your bylaws
- Prepare for fundraising and sustainability
- Launch your inaugural meeting
- AND MORE!!!

IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN? [HTTPS://THEWEDC.COM/](https://thewedc.com/)



### FREE Business Assistance!

The *Pakini Loan Fund* provides loans for small businesses throughout the state of Hawaii with a priority to serve Native Hawaiians and those living on the Westside.

LEARN MORE

### Subscribe to our community bulletin!

*The Community Navigator* features special announcements specific to the Wai'anae Coast as well as community resources and events.

SUBSCRIBE NOW



**The Community Navigator**  
Wai'anae Coast Community

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## Wai'anae Business Highlight

### Building Community One Slice at a Time



Slice's journey began in 2019 with humble roots. It offered crowd-pleasing bibingka brownies that soon captured the hearts and taste buds of locals. As the years unfolded, the Lukelas, fueled by their shared love for the culinary arts and driven by a desire to contribute to their vibrant community, expanded their offerings to include an array of delectable treats, from ice cream pies to cakes and baked goods.

But Slice by HB Baking is more than just a dessert destination; it's a pillar of community support and engagement. Heather and David seize every opportunity to give back, whether by inspiring students at career days, donating to local causes like the Women's Fund, or participating in events that support public schools.

Learn more about this business by visiting their website using the link below or through Instagram @slicebyhbbaking.

VISIT WEBSITE

## IN THE NEWS

- **Artificial Intelligence and Worker Well-being:** [The U.S. Department of Labor announced a far-reaching set of principles that provide employers and artificial intelligence developers with guidance on designing and implementing AI technologies in ways that enhance job quality and protect workers' rights.](#)
- **Complete the Sustainability Business Forum (SBF) Survey:** [This survey has been distributed by the SBF Local Food Working Group and is intended to identify gaps between local producers and buyers. Participants are eligible to win a complimentary 2-hour tour of Kualoa Ranch's sustainable operations.](#)

## UPCOMING BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

- **Thursday, May 30 at 8:00 am HST:** [Strategies for Navigating Change with Your Tribal Department Staff 1](#)

# Submissions

The *WEDC Business Bulletin* is published every Monday morning. To contribute activities, events, news items, or articles, email [marketingdept@thewedc.com](mailto:marketingdept@thewedc.com). The deadline to submit items is every Friday. If you are interested in being featured as our business highlight and in the Westside Stories newspaper, click [here](#) to complete the Business Feature form.



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## ABOUT WEDC

We are a premier community economic development agency and a leader in the community development field in our collective approach to community planning, capacity building, financial services, and business development.

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