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April 3, 2026

Mr. Layne Silva, Director  
Department of Liquor Control  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Silva:

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BFED-1) (LC-02)

Although your Department is not required to appear before the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee during its FY 2027 Budget deliberations, may I please request that you answer the following questions. This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2027 Budget.

May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit your written response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by 4:30 p.m. on **April 13, 2026**.

**Overall**

1. Relating to Goal #1, item 1: (Page 477, Program Budget)
  - a. Describe the findings from inspections completed in FY 2026, to date, and estimate the number of establishments that will be inspected by the end of FY 2026. (NUH)
  - b. Explain why the number of minor decoy operations is estimated to decrease in FY 2026. (KB)

- c. Explain why the compliance rate for minor decoy operations is estimated at 100 percent for FYs 2026 and 2027, compared to 81 percent in FY 2025, and identify the factors that contributed to that increase. (KB)
2. Relating to Goal #2, item 1, please provide a current status update on the Department's certification and education classes. Please clarify whether the classes are open to the public and describe what the classes cover. (Page 478, Program Budget) (NUH)
3. Relating to Goal #3, item 2: (Page 479, Program Budget) (KB)
  - a. Explain what is meant by "# of administrative actions per total violations." Does the measure refer to the total number of administrative actions for all violations or the number of administrative actions per violation?
  - c. Explain what result the Department considers successful under this measure.
4. Does the Department track State bills relating to blood alcohol concentration limits and other alcohol-related measures? If yes, please explain how the Department evaluates those measures and whether testimony is provided to the State Legislature. (TP)

### **Salaries and Wages (Category "A")**

1. Relating to the proposed Licensing Clerk and Public Service Technician expansion positions: (Page 481, Program Budget) (NUH)
  - a. Please explain the increase in workload that supports these additional positions and describe the duties of each position.
  - b. Which position currently processes liquor license applications and how would that work change if the Licensing Clerk position is added?

- c. Which position or positions currently provide public service to the community and how would that work change if the Public Service Technician position is added?
- d. What are the performance goals or service expectations for the Public Service Technician position?
- e. The Licensing Clerk and Public Service Technician positions are each proposed for eight months of funding in FY 2027. Is the Department assuming recruitment would take approximately four months before the positions are filled? Please explain and state whether full-year funding will be needed in FY 2028 to sustain licensing clerical support and public services.

**Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)**

1. Relating to 913012C-7040, Motor Vehicle Replacement, please explain whether replacing eight vehicles in the same fiscal year is time-sensitive and, if so, why. (Page 482, Program Budget) (SS)
2. Relating to the conference room-related requests under 913012B-6060, 913012B-6221, and 913012C-7044, please explain whether the requests are part of a single modernization plan and, if so, whether they all need to be funded in FY 2027 or could be staggered and purchased over multiple fiscal years. (Pages 481-482, Program Budget) (SS)
3. Relating to 913012B-6035, Miscellaneous Supplies, please explain what goods, services, or activities are included under the \$25,000 request for “public and intergovernmental relations.” (Page 481, Program Budget) (KB)
4. Relating to 913012B-6060, Small Equipment: (Page 481, Program Budget) (GJ)
  - a. Do the emergency and first-aid kits include Narcan?

- b. Are Liquor Control officers trained to use Narcan and recognize signs of drug overdose?
  - c. Is there a diversion or referral process when Liquor Control officers encounter people who are overserved, in a behavioral or mental health crisis, or otherwise in need of services?
  - d. Does the Department follow a separate protocol when Liquor Control officers encounter youth who appear to be in crisis or in unsafe conditions? If so, please describe that protocol.
5. Please explain what “consultation” means for the review and amendment of Liquor Commission Administrative Rules, Chapters 101 and 102. Please identify whether the Department intends to hire a consultant or conduct community and business outreach. (Page 13-7, Budget Details) (TP)
  6. Please explain what is meant by “on and off island” for night shift and minor decoy operations. Please clarify whether that refers to islands other than Maui but within the County. (Page 13-7, Budget Details) (TP)

### **Countywide**

1. Under Ordinance 2156 (1992), please identify where the Department’s Administrative Rules are available for public inspection and duplication, and state when the rules were last updated. (TP)

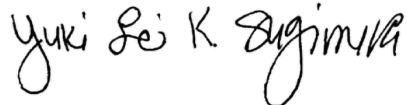
May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic  
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Budget Director

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