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April 25, 2025

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair and Members of the Maui County Council200 South High StreetWailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET (OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SPORTS EVENTS** AND **PROMOTION:** AND GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CULTURE, ARTS, AND TOURISM, CULTURE AND ARTS PROGRAM)

On behalf of the Office of Economic Development, I am transmitting a proposed bill, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SPORTS AND EVENTS PROMOTION; AND GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CULTURE, ARTS, AND TOURISM, CULTURE AND ARTS PROGRAM."

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The purpose of the proposed bill is amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program to decrease Grants and disbursements for business development and technology, Sports and Events promotion by \$20,000 and decrease the condition for Maui County residents for participation in and hosting of events under Grants and disbursements by the same amount, and increase Grants and disbursements for culture, arts, and tourism, Culture and Arts Program, by \$20,000 and increase the condition for Lāna'i Community Association for the Pineapple Festival by the same amount.

The Lāna'i Community Association was very recently informed that fireworks would not be allowed at their event. Due to the short time frame before the event, there is not sufficient time for the organization to seek alternate funding to support a drone performance in place of the fireworks.

This amendment was initiated at the request of Councilmember Johnson.

Thank you for your expeditious attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

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LESLEY MILNER Budget Director

Attachment

Cc: Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff