

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
**BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

March 21, 2025

**Committee
Report No.** _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee, having met on March 11, 2025, makes reference to the following:

1. Bill 24 (2025), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES AND DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE/RESCUE OPERATIONS PROGRAM."

Bill 24's purpose is to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, to:
1) amend Section 2, Estimated Revenues, by increasing Carryover/Savings from the General Fund by \$300,000;
2) amend Section 3.B.7.c., Department of Fire and Public Safety, Fire/Rescue Operations Program, by increasing the appropriation for Category B – Operations & Equipment by \$300,000; and 3) adjust the totals accordingly.

2. Correspondence dated February 13, 2025, from the Budget Director, transmitting a Certification of Additional Revenues for Fiscal Year 2025, dated February 13, 2025, for \$300,000 in Carryover/Savings from the General Fund.

The Fire Chief noted that the July 2024 fire on Crater Road required the use of multiple helicopters, dozers, water trucks, and excavators because of its remote location, significantly increasing firefighting costs. The Fire Chief added that insufficient water supply, low humidity levels, and inadequate rainfall were contributing factors to the fire.

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The Fire Chief explained that there were no hydrants near the fire site, with the closest hydrants located in Kula 200 or on Lower Crater Road. Firefighters used potable water from those hydrants and local reservoirs to supply water. Additionally, fire breaks were used to help contain the spread.

The Fire Chief reported that the fire was caused by utility infrastructure. Your Committee discussed that the utility company is responsible for vegetation management only within a limited area around its infrastructure, while the landowner is responsible for maintaining the surrounding land. Your Committee also noted that the fire occurred in a remote area in Upcountry Maui and the landowner has historically been a strong partner in firefighting efforts.

Your Committee further noted the urgent need to fund firefighting efforts and ensure that vendors providing emergency response services are compensated, allowing continued access to essential resources for future emergencies.

Your Committee acknowledged the Department of Fire and Public Safety's efforts to pursue external funding sources and is in discussions with Hawaiian Electric Company and the Department of the Corporation Counsel on potential legal options for cost recovery.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend passage of Bill 24 (2025), on first reading. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and members Cook, Johnson, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins voted "aye." Committee member Lee was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Bill 24, CD1 (2025), approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

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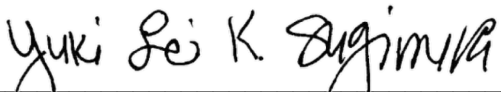
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Your Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee RECOMMENDS that Bill 24, CD1 (2025), attached, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES AND DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE/RESCUE OPERATIONS PROGRAM," be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of the Council.



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 24, CD1 (2025)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,
ESTIMATED REVENUES AND DEPARTMENT OF FIRE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE/RESCUE OPERATIONS PROGRAM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 5657, Bill No. 60, CD1, FD2 (2024), as amended, "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget", Section 2, Estimated Revenues, is amended to increase Carryover/Savings, General Fund, in the amount of \$300,000, and increase the total accordingly, to read as follows:

"ESTIMATED REVENUES

FROM TAXES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS:

Real Property Taxes	586,905,349
Circuit Breaker Adjustment	(293,838)
Transient Accommodations Tax	60,000,000
General Excise Tax	60,000,000
Charges for Current Services	167,395,404
Public Service Company Tax	7,000,000
Licenses/Permits/Others	46,353,332
Fuel and Franchise Taxes	24,500,000
Special Assessments	9,866,000
Other Intergovernmental	10,750,000

FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Interfund Transfers	78,707,485
Bond/Lapsed Bond	114,785,000
Carryover/Savings:	
General Fund	[64,162,813] 64,462,813
Sewer Fund	10,229,492
Highway Fund	17,365,696
Solid Waste Management Fund	3,313,077
Environmental Protection and Sustainability Fund	920,551
Liquor Fund	854,621
Water Fund	25,716,394

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES [1,288,531,376] 1,288,831,376"

SECTION 2. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Section 3.B.7.c., Department of Fire and Public Safety, Fire/Rescue Operations Program, is amended to increase the appropriation for Category B – Operations & Equipment by \$300,000, to read as follows:

<u>“FUNCTION AND PROGRAMS</u>	<u>A - Salaries</u>	<u>B – Operations & Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
7. Department of Fire and Public Safety			
c. Fire/Rescue Operations Program	36,024,561	[11,051,986]	[47,076,547]
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 319.0 equivalent personnel.		<u>11,351,986</u>	<u>47,376,547”</u>

SECTION 3. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Total Operating Appropriations, is amended to reflect an increase of \$300,000 in Category B – Operations & Equipment, and to adjust the total accordingly, to read as follows:

<u>“FUNCTION AND PROGRAMS</u>	<u>A - Salaries</u>	<u>B – Operations & Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	255,927,057	[804,683,319] <u>804,983,319</u>	[1,060,610,376] <u>1,060,910,376”</u>

SECTION 4. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Total Appropriations (Operating and Capital Improvement Projects), is amended to reflect an increase of \$300,000, to read as follows:

“TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)	[1,288,531,376]	<u>1,288,831,376”</u>
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SECTION 5. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance takes effect upon approval.

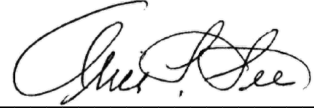
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



KRISTINA C. TOSHIKIYO

Deputy Corporation Counsel

INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor.