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April 3, 2026

Mr. John Pelletier, Chief of Police
Department of Police
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Pelletier:

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

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting of **April 14, 2026***. This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2027 Budget.

May I further request that you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by 4:30 p.m. on **April 13, 2026**. **Date is subject to change without notice.*

Overall

1. Under Administration Services Program, Goal #1, item 2, what happens when an investigation finds that the MPD employee is liable for misconduct when the complaint is filed? (Page 669, Program Budget) (NUH)
2. Under Uniformed Services Bureau Program, Goal #2, item 1, how does the Department determine if the call for service is a "high-priority call" where an officer would need to respond to the incident in under five minutes? (Page 686, Program Budget) (NUH)
3. Under Organizational Development Bureau Program, Goal #1, item 1, please explain what "specialized training" involves. (Page 706, Program Budget) (NUH)

4. Under Organizational Development Bureau Program, Goal #2, item 1, there is a goal to conduct 35 Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEADS) and School Resource Officer (SRO) classes in public schools. How many classes will each school receive? (Page 706, Program Budget) (TP)
5. The following relate to Technical and Support Services Bureau Program, Goal #1: (Page 696, Program Budget)
 - a. For item 1 on providing first responders with specialized clothing and equipment:
 - i. How is this measure related to the percentage values for FYs 2025, 2026, and 2027? Why is the value not sustained at 100 percent? What is the basis for these values—is it 100 percent of all specialized clothing and equipment? (KB)
 - ii. It is estimated that 27 percent of specialized clothing and equipment will be replaced upon its five-year expiration. Does this mean that first responders would have to use expired specialized clothing and equipment? Please explain. (TP)
 - iii. Please break down what types of specialized clothing and equipment are needed. (NUH)
 - iv. Please provide a cost breakdown of each specialized clothing and equipment item. (NUH)
 - c. For item 3, the success measurement is the percentage of mobile and portable radios maintained annually. Why is the FY 2027 estimated value only 90 percent? What would it take to maintain 100 percent of radios? (KB)
6. As it relates to the Department's FY 2026 Q2 Budget Implementation Report via County Communication 29-26 on vacant positions for 90 days or more: (TP)

- a. Does the Department of Management need to approve the Department's reorganization of expansion positions? Is union consultation also required?
 - b. It appears that there are expansion positions, with some that go back to 2020, that have not yet been created. Has the Department worked with the Department of Personnel Services on what is required to create expansion positions?
 - c. Would it help to model the work of other County administrative heads who have been successful in creating expansion positions by having a process flow chart to refer to? Please advise.
7. What was the total lapsed appropriations for the Department as reflected in the FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report? (TP)
8. The Department has received funding for its helicopter program in previous FYs and is also requesting the purchase of various drone equipment in FY 2027. Are the Department's helicopter or drones equipped with searchlights for night operations to assist with identifying suspects such as in an active shooter scenario? How long does it take to mobilize the helicopter? Is there a helicopter pilot that is on-call 24/7? (TP)
9. Are there differences between the FY 2027 Budget that the Police Commission approved and the Department's proposed budget as submitted by the Mayor? If yes, please provide a detailed breakdown of the differences. (TP)
10. There are areas in the County where illegal on-street parking occurs, which presents safety concerns when only one traffic lane is usable during emergencies. Does the Department have the capacity to enforce illegal on-street parking or should this work be contracted out? (TP)
11. Are the Lānaʻi and Molokai police cottages in good condition? The Department has a CIP to renovate police cottages in Hāna. Please explain if funding is also needed to renovate police cottages on Lānaʻi or Molokai. (TP)

Salaries and Wages (Category “A”)

1. For Index Code 910018A-5215 Premium pay, please elaborate on the recruitment incentive offered for Police Officer I positions. Has this been effective? (Page 672, Program Budget) (GJ) (NUH)
2. Please explain the need for the Victim Advocate and Police Evidence Specialist I expansion positions. Will a reorganization and union consultation be required? (Page 680, Program Budget) (TP)
3. The newly proposed Organizational Development Bureau Program has a total of 40 E/P, 39 of which are being transferred from other programs. How many of these positions are already filled? How many of these positions are vacant and need to be filled? (Pages 707 & 708, Program Budget) (TP)
4. How does Executive Order 2025-02 provide authority for salary increases? (Pages 20-3, 20-5, 20-12, 20-14, 20-19, 20-30, 20-33, 20-35, 20-44, and 20-90, Budget Details) (TC)

Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)

1. For Index Code 910018B-6235 Rentals, what are the total office costs—including maintenance, rent or lease, and utilities—for the recruitment center? How many recruits were hired through the recruitment center in FY 2026? (Page 673, Program Budget) (GJ)
2. For Index Code 910265C-7043 Office Furniture, there is a request for 10 office chairs at \$1,000 each. What type of chair is this? (Page 673, Program Budget) (KB)
3. For Index Code 910109C-7040 Motor Vehicles, please explain the need to purchase two electric bicycles. (Page 691, Program Budget) (TP)
4. For Index Code 910209C-7044 Other Equipment, please elaborate on what a “Safety Chair Device” is. Will this be used to restrain detainees? (Page 691, Program Budget) (TP)

5. The following relate to Index Code 910018B-6129 Other Services: (Page 20-7, Budget Details)
 - a. Please provide details on the annual costs for mentoring, coaching, and consulting sworn or civilian personnel. (YLS)
 - b. Describe the services that are provided. (YLS) (GJ)
 - c. Provide justification for this request. (NUH)
6. For Index Code 910059B-6129 Other Services, please provide additional details and a cost breakdown on RTOC software, camera integration, central command community, and WAVE software. What are the services used for and is this an anticipated annual expense? (Page 20-23, Budget Details) (YLS) (NUH)
7. For Index Code 910018B-6132 Professional Services, please provide additional details for this program. In addition, provide a cost breakdown and explain why this cost has continued to rise significantly over the past few FYs. (Page 20-7, Budget Details) (GJ) (NUH)
8. The following relate to Index Code 910420B-6003 Animal care & feeding: (Page 20-25, Budget Details)
 - a. How many K9s are currently in the Department? Does the Department still plan to acquire a total of six K9s? (NUH) (TP)
 - b. Will the merger of the Vice Division to the K9 Special Response Team cost the entire \$250,000? Please provide a cost breakdown. (NUH)
9. For Index Code 910209B-6129 Other Services, please explain what “miscellaneous services” are. Please also elaborate on what types of repairs will be needed at the receiving desk. (Page 20-57, Budget Details) (NUH)
10. For Index Code 910182B-6132 Professional Services, what types of public safety upgrades will be done under the \$600,000 expansion request? (Page 20-81, Budget Details) (NUH) (YLS)

11. For Index Code 910491B-6135 Repairs & maintenance buildings, please elaborate on the ADA-compliant upkeep and multiple repair jobs under the \$835,000 expansion request. Please also provide a cost breakdown. (Page 20-84, Budget Details) (NUH)
12. For Index Code 910501B-6129 Other Services, please provide a breakdown of what types of renovations and costs will be needed at the Wailuku Gym and Dojo. (Page 20-94, Budget Details) (NUH)
13. For Index Code 910502B-6225 Publications & Subscriptions, please explain what the new annual subscription fee is for and how it relates to quality assurance within the Department. (Page 20-95, Budget Details) (NUH)
14. In the Department's FY 2026 Q1 and Q2 Unbudgeted Equipment Requests via County Communications 211-25 and 28-26, respectively, it appears that the Department has the most unbudgeted equipment requests out of all County departments. Please provide justification for these unbudgeted equipment requests. (TP)
15. In the Department's FY 2026 Q1 Unbudgeted Equipment Requests via County Communication 211-25, please explain the Department's request for a "trailer for jest (sic) ski" under Index Code 911099C-7044. (TP)

Capital Improvement Projects

1. The following relate to CBS-8903 Restoration of Police Cottages and consequently Account 3612 in Appendix B, Rates and Fees: (Page 11, Appendix C) (Page 36, Appendix B) (TP)
 - a. Please explain why the police cottage is going to be rebuilt as a six-bedroom house. With this new construction, how many officers in total will be housed?
 - b. Is it possible to house a police officer with their family or multiple police officers and their families stationed in Hāna? Please explain.

- c. In Hāna, the rental fee for one cottage is \$200 per month. If a cottage houses multiple police officers, do they still pay a total of \$200 divided equitably? Please explain.
2. For CBS-7879 Radiosystem Facility Upgrades, with six projects listed under this CIP, is the Department prepared to complete every project by June 30, 2027? Please explain. (Page 966, Program Budget) (YLS)

Appendix A, Part I

1. The following relate to the \$1,450,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice: (Pages 684 & 704, Program Budget) (KB)
 - a. The Department's Technical and Support Services Bureau Program is expected to receive \$450,000 from this grant to provide public safety and emergency responder communications resiliency upgrade. What improvements are expected to be made with this grant? Is this related to the police radio dispatch system? Please explain.
 - b. The Department's Investigative Services Bureau Program is expected to receive \$1 million from this grant for a "Real Time Crime Center" in Kihei. Please explain what a "Real Time Crime Center" is.
2. For funds collected from the State and Federal Assets Forfeiture Program, please provide a list of how these funds have been used. Please also provide the balance for this account. (Page 675, Program Budget) (NUH)

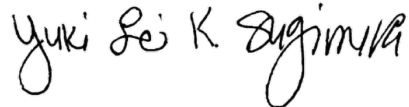
May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

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 style with a large, looped "Y" and "S".

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

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

BFED Committee

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