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March 31, 2025

Dr. Seth Colby, Tax Research and Planning Officer
State of Hawaii
Department of Taxation
P.O. Box 259
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Via Email: seth.s.colby@hawaii.gov

Dear Dr. Colby:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (TAX-02)

Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussion of March 31, 2025.

Maui County's Department of Finance anticipates \$65,000,000 in estimated revenues from the Transient Accommodations Tax and \$70,000,000 in estimated revenues from the County surcharge on the General Excise and Use Tax for FY 2026. May I please request your assessment on the Department's TAT and GET estimated revenues.

May I further request you transmit a written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 14, 2025**.

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".

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

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cc: State Director of Taxation

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 12:28 PM
To: Colby, Seth S
Cc: BFED Committee; Tax.Directors.Office@hawaii.gov
Subject: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (TAX-02); reply by 04/14/25
Attachments: (TAX-2) Correspondence to State Tax Research and Planning Officer 03-31-2025.pdf

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From: Colby, Seth S <Seth.S.Colby@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 2:39 PM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Tax.Directors.Office
Subject: RE: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (TAX-02); reply by 04/14/25

Aloha Chair Sugimura,

This email is a response to the letter from the Maui County Council's Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee issued on March 31, 2025, with the subject Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

The Tax Research & Planning office derives the TA and GE forecast for each county from the Council on Revenues March 12, 2025 General Fund forecast. Using this forecast, we estimate Maui's TA collections to be \$75 million and GE collections to be \$86 million in FY 2026.

These estimates do not take into account the sluggish performance of Maui relative to the rest of the islands since the 2023 wildfires, which would lower the collection forecast.

Sincerely,
Seth Colby

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