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

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET
(DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF
RECOVERY PROGRAM, ADD CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE
FOR HANA BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC., AND APPENDIX A,
PART II, OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL
RESOURCES AND SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND,
DELETE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR HANA BUSINESS,
COUNCIL, INC.)**

On behalf of the Department of Management, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY PROGRAM, ADD CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR HANA BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100,000, AND APPENDIX A, PART II, OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL RESOURCES AND SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND, DELETE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR HANA BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100,000."

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard Bissen 10-2-25
Mayor Date

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to 1) add conditional language under Department of Management, Office of Recovery Program, for Hana Business, Council, Inc. for the acquisition of 14.5 acres at 20 Uwala Road, Hāna, Maui, Hawai'i, TMK: (2) 1-3-009-070, in the amount of \$2,100,000; and 2) amend Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues – Schedule of Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2026, Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, to delete the conditional language for Hana Business Council, Inc. for the acquisition of 14.5 acres located at 20 Uwala Road, Hāna, Maui Hawai'i, TMK: (2) 1-3-009-070 in the amount of \$2,100,000.

The Administration's initial discussions with the Hana Business Council regarding their intended uses for the property seemed to fall within the requirements of Chapter 3.88 regarding the use of the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund. However, when the full application was received, it became clear that using the Open Space Fund for this acquisition would limit the organization's ability to fully utilize the property as they were intending.

The property will still have open space and will still serve as a resilience hub with a community kitchen and pavilion. However, rather than a temporary resilience hub structure, the Hana Business Council intends to construct a shelter building, along with a commercial kitchen, cold food storage, and may continue to provide space for the Maui Humane Society.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lesley", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Josiah Nishita, Managing Director