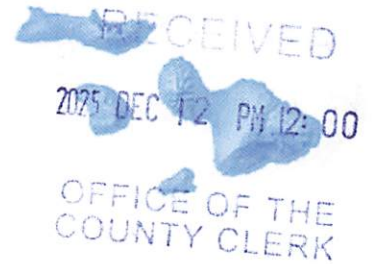


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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 12-12-25
Mayor Date

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, BOARD OF ETHICS
PROGRAM, INCREASE EQUIVALENT PERSONNEL)**

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, BOARD OF ETHICS PROGRAM, INCREASE EQUIVALENT PERSONNEL BY 2.0."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Department of Management, Board of Ethics Program, to increase the equivalent personnel from 3.0 to 5.0.

As with all new Departments or Divisions, when the Board of Ethics professional staff was added to the budget, a minimal number of staff was included to allow time to determine what the workload would be. As has been reported, the Board of Ethics office has received a significant number of requests in their first few months of operation and additional personnel will allow them to

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operate more efficiently. This amendment would add positions for an additional attorney and a law technician. These positions are currently unfunded to allow time for position creation, but additional funding may be requested in 2026 once a hiring timeline is determined.

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

Sincerely,



LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Josiah Nishita, Managing Director