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REFERENCE NO. BD-BA 25-38

November 8, 2024

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 2025 BUDGET (OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR VISITOR INDUSTRY, TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND AND APPENDIX A, PART II, HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION, ABANDONED VECHICLE, AND TOURISM-RELATED TRAFFIC CONGESTION REVOLVING FUND)

On behalf of the Office of Economic Development, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR VISITOR INDUSTRY, TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND AND APPENDIX A, PART II, HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION, ABANDONED VECHICLE, AND TOURISM-RELATED TRAFFIC CONGESTION REVOLVING FUND."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program, Grants and Disbursements

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for Visitor Industry, Tourism Management Grant Fund, condition (a) to delete "be split equally between Ke Ao Hali'i and" and Appendix A, Part II, Highway Beautification, Abandoned Vehicle, and Tourism-related Traffic Congestion Revolving Fund, condition (4) to delete "grant, to be split equally between Ke Ao Hali'i and Holani Hana Inc.," and insert "grant to Holani Hana Inc."

This amendment was initiated at the request of Councilmember Sinenci. Ke Ao Hali'i and Holani Hana reached out to request that the funds be consolidated solely under Holani Hana, Inc. Holani Hana, Inc. will continue to coordinate with Ke Ao Hali'i and the community to deliver the project. Both organizations feel the program will be more cost-efficient if the funding is issued to one organization rather than two.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachment

cc. Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff