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April 17, 2026

Mr. Kapono'ai Molitau, Director
Department of 'Ōiwi Resources
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Molitau:

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BFED-1) (OWR-03)

Thank you for participating in the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting of April 13, 2026. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions below.

May I further request that you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **12:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026**.

1. Under the Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund, up to \$200,000 is being conditioned to Hui O Wa'a Kaulua for the "restoration and maintenance of canoes and canoe site." Hui O Wa'a Kaulua is also receiving a County grant subsidy under Index Code 101469B:
 - a. Please clarify what is meant by "maintenance of canoes" and detail the specific activities being carried out under the revolving fund and the County grant.
 - b. Is it permissible for Hui O Wa'a Kaulua's work to be funded by both the revolving fund and County grant? Please advise.
(KB) (TP)

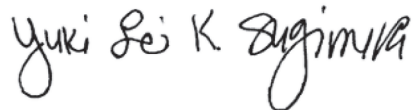
May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee Members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

Mr. Kapono'ai Molitau
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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

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 1:27 AM
To: 'John.K.Molitu@co.mauhi.us'
Cc: 'Zeke Kalua'; 'Lesley Milner'; 'Kristina Cabbat'; 'Tiare P. Horner'; shirley.blackburn@co.mauhi.us; 'Janina Agapay'; 'Kekai.Robinson@co.mauhi.us'; 'Deanna Thyssen'
Subject: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (OWR-3)
Attachments: (OWR-3) Correspondence to 'Ōiwi Resources 04-17-2026.pdf



RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Meia o Ke Kalana o Maui

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20 'Apelila 2026

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 4-20-26

Mayor Date

FOR TRANSMITTAL TO:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
and Honorable Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i 96793

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF 'OIWI RESOURCES (BFED-1) (OWR-03)

Aloha e nā luna ho'ohanohano o Ke Kalana o Maui:

1. Under the Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund (Lahaina Royal Complex Restoration Revolving Fund), up to \$200,000 is being conditioned to Hui o Wa'a Kaulua for the "restoration and maintenance of canoes and canoe site." Hui o Wa'a Kaulua is also receiving a County grant subsidy under Index Code 101469B:
 - a. Please clarify what is meant by "maintenance of canoes" and detail the specific activities being carried out under the revolving fund and the County grant.

The Department will ensure that if an appropriation is provided by Council from this revolving fund, that the application includes an itemized budget, project narrative, scope of work, timeline, measured outcomes, and all the required elements for line-item grants align with the purpose of the fund as provided in Chapter 3.38, as amended, Maui County Code, before a contract is executed.

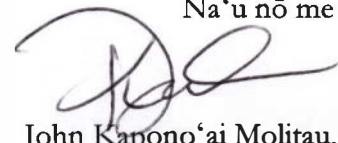
The Department has received notice that the County grant subsidy under Index Code 904089B under the Department of Management, Office of Recovery, is being withdrawn from the Proposed FY 2027 Mayor's Budget.

- b. Is it permissible for Hui o Wa'a Kaulua's work to be funded by both the revolving fund and County grant? Please advise. (KB) (TP)

There is no restriction on an organization receiving grants funded by both a revolving fund and other County funding sources.

Please contact me, Director Molitau, at ext. 9117, or Deputy Director Robinson at ext. 6179 for further questions. The Department of 'Ōiwi Resources main line is (808) 270-1719.

Na'u nō me ke aloha,



John Kaponono'ai Molitau, Director
Department of 'Ōiwi Resources

cc: Josiah Nishita, Managing Director
Lesley Milner, Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 4:07 PM
To: BFED Committee; John K. Molitau
Cc: Ezekiel I. Kalua; Lesley J. Milner; Kristina Angeline C. Cabbat; Shirley Blackburn; Janina E. Agapay; Kekai Robinson; Deanna L. Thyssen
Subject: RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (OWR-3)
Attachments: (BFED-1) (OWR-03).pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached correspondence.

Mahalo,

Tiare P. Horner
Budget Specialist
Phone: 808.270.7517

From: BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 01:28
To: John K. Molitau <john.k.molitau@co.maui.hi.us>
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