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April 19, 2024

Ms. Lori Tsuhako, Director  
Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (HC-4)

Following the Committee's discussions on April 18, 2024, may I please confirm whether service charges for reclaimed animals are still being collected, or are they being waived, following the August 8, 2023, wildfires. Please further explain the impact on the anticipated revenues for the Animal Management Revolving Fund in FYs 2024, to date, and 2025.

May I request you provide the requested information to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) no later than **April 23, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura".

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Acting Budget Director

## BFED Committee

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**From:** BFED Committee  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2024 3:55 PM  
**To:** loriann.tzuhako@co.maui.hi.us  
**Cc:** Saumalu Mataafa; kimberly.ferguson@co.maui.hi.us; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat; BFED Committee  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (HC-4); reply by 04/23/2024  
**Attachments:** 240419ahc01.pdf

**Ms. Tzuhako:** Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 19, 2024. Please respond by **April 23, 2024**

**Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua):** Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

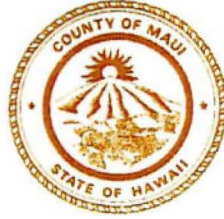
**Ms. Milner:** FYI

Thank you,  
BFED Committee

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
Mayor

**LORI TSUHAKO**  
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April 23, 2024

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

  
Mayor 4-23-24  
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (HC-4)**

Thank you for your correspondence of April 19, 2024 requesting information related to service charges for reclaimed animals and the Animal Management Revolving Fund. The information requested in your letter is listed below in bold and is followed by the Department's responses.

- 1. Following the Committee's discussions on April 18, 2024, may I please confirm whether service charges for reclaimed animals are still being collected, or are they being waived, following the August 8, 2023, wildfires.**

Since the August 2023 wildfires, reclaim fees were waived for 237 animals that were lost due to the fires. Maui Humane Society (MHS) has reported they have very few animals from the fires still in their care, and does not anticipate owners

coming forward after this length of time. However, if that were to happen, MHS would waive fees for owners to reclaim their pet.

**2. Please further explain the impact on the anticipated revenues for the Animal Management Revolving Fund in FYs 2024, to date, and 2025.**

MHS covered the value of the waived reclaim fees from their unrestricted funds. Therefore, there has been no impact on anticipated revenues for the Animal Management Revolving Fund in FY 2024 to date, and there is no expected impact in FY 2025.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Tsuhako". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LORI TSUHAKO, LSW, ACSW  
Director of Housing and Human Concerns

## BFED Committee

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**From:** Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:28 AM  
**To:** BFED Committee  
**Cc:** Lesley Milner  
**Subject:** (BFED-1)(HC-4)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-1)(HC-4).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence from Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

Thank you,

**Janina Agapay**

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