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March 29, 2025

Mr. John Pelletier, Chief of Police
Department of Police
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Pelletier:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (PD-02)

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the BFED Committee meeting on **April 2, 2025**. * This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget. **Date subject to change without notice.*

May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit your answer to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by the end of the day on **April 3, 2025**.

Overall

1. Are there differences between the FY 2026 budget the Police Commission approved and your proposed budget as submitted by the Mayor? If yes, please provide a detailed breakdown of the differences. (YLS)
2. As it relates to the Administration Program's Goal #1, item 2, explain how the Department increased its completion rate of administrative investigations within 90 days from FY 2024 to FY 2025. (Page 657, Program Budget) (TC)
3. For the Administration Program's Goal #1, item 3, describe the Department's recruitment strategy. (Page 657, Program Budget) (TC)

4. As it relates to the Technical and Support Services Program's Goal #1, item 3: (Page 684, Program Budget)
 - a. Provide a copy of the citizen's survey from FY 2025. (TC)
 - b. Explain the research methodology used with survey. (TC)
 - c. Provide the survey results for FY 2025. (TC)
 - d. Explain how the survey is used to improve the Department's operations. (TC)
 - e. Has the Department considered conducting a citizen's survey annually instead? Explain. (NUH)

5. As it relates to the Technical and Support Services Program's Goal #3, item 2: (Page 685, Program Budget)
 - a. Provide a list of all neighborhood crime watch programs and explain their impact on the relevant neighborhood and the Department's operations. (TC)
 - b. Provide a list of all community and outreach activities and programs the Department conducts and explain the impact on the community and the Department's operations (TC)
 - c. Explain why the estimated number of community outreach activities and programs decreased from 95 in FY 2024 to 12 in FYs 2025 and 2026. (NUH)
 - d. The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report states that 78 outreach activities and programs have been conducted in FY 2025. Provide a list of these activities and programs. (NUH)

6. As it relates to derelict vehicles in the public right-of-way: (TC)
 - a. Will the Department tag derelict vehicles if someone is living in it?
 - b. Under what laws does the Department tag derelict vehicles?

- c. Can a vehicle be tagged again if it is relocated?
7. If the Department does not receive its projected grant revenue, explain how it will impact the County and the Department. (TP)
8. The Hāna patrol shift schedule changed from three eight-hour shifts to two 12-hour shifts. Four officers are on one shift and three are on the other. With the need to account for community safety and officer leaves, will the Department increase the number of officers on the Hāna patrol shifts as it fills vacancies? (SS)
9. How many applicants has the Department received in FY 2025 to date? How many new hires does the Department have this fiscal year to date? (TP)
10. Provide a status update on the Department's helicopter program, including nighttime operations. What expenses will the Department incur for FY 2026 for the program, and how much more will be needed in future FYs? (YLS) (TC) (TP)
11. What is the status of reclassifying the dispatchers and creating a separate bargaining unit? Are there anticipated cost increases relating to this matter for FY 2026? (YLS)

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. From FY 2022 to FY 2024, the difference in Salaries and Wages for the Investigative Services Program between the adopted budget and actual expenditures was over \$3.3 million, over \$4.1 million, and over \$4.4million, respectively. Was overtime utilized to compensate for vacant positions? Explain these increases. (Page 20-1, Budget Details) (TP)
2. From FY 2022 to FY 2024, the difference in Salaries and Wages for the Technical and Support Services Program between the adopted budget and actual expenditures was over \$1.8 million, over \$2.3 million, and over \$3.3 million, respectively. Was overtime utilized to compensate for vacant positions? Explain these increases. (Page 20-1, Budget Details) (TP)

3. Explain what the Standard of Conduct Differential is and why it is being moved to premium pay. (Page 659, Program Budget) (TP) (NUH)
4. As it relates to the reallocation of P-33543, Investigator I (Cold Case), is the cold case program ending? (Page 20-14, Budget Details) (TP)

Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)

1. As it relates to Other Services, Index Code 910018B: (Page 20-6, Budget Details)
 - a. Provide a breakdown of the funds and explain why additional funding is needed. (NUH)
 - b. Is the Guardian Alliance Background Check service an annual fee? (TP)
 - c. How long does a background check take? (TP)
 - d. Explain who the background check service is for. Does the Department use it for applicants or for suspects under investigation? (TP)
 - e. How will the Department ensure background checks are not used for personal purposes? (TP)
 - f. What entity will be mentoring, coaching, and consulting sworn and civil staff? (TP)
 - g. Will a Request for Proposals be issued to solicit proposals for the background and mentoring services? (TP)
2. As it relates to Professional Services, Index Code 910018B: (Page 20-6, Budget Details)
 - a. Provide a breakdown of the funds and explain why additional funding is needed, including for physiological assessments. (TP) (NUH)
 - b. Explain what employee wellness services will be provided. (NUH)

- c. Explain what the Strategic Marketing/Communications Contract will it be used for. (TC) (NUH)
3. As it relates to Auto allowance, mileage, Index Code 910018B: (Page 20-7, Budget Details)
 - a. Explain how the Department calculated the \$350,000 expansion request for 70 subsidized vehicles. (NUH)
 - b. Provide an update on the subsidized vehicle program. Are officers supportive and willing to participate? Is the insurance only for vehicle use while officers are on duty? (TP)
4. As it relates to Contractual Service, Index Code 910265B, explain how staff evaluations will be contracted out. Will an RFP be issued? (Page 20-8, Budget Details) (TP)
5. As it relates to Professional Services, Index Code 910265B: (Page 20-8, Budget Details)
 - a. Explain the complaints the Department has received. Are they community complaints or internal complaints? (NUH) (TP)
 - b. How are complaints investigated? Will an RFP be issued for an outside entity to investigate? (TP)
 - c. How will the Department resolve the complaints? (NUH)
6. As it relates to Computer Software, Index Code 910059B, will maintenance for CID and Cyber Crime units' software systems be a one-time expense or an annual one? (Page 20-21, Budget Details) (TP)
7. As it relates to Miscellaneous Supplies, Index Code 910059B: (Page 668, Program Budget)
 - a. Provide a breakdown of the items to be purchased with the expansion and request and explain why they are necessary. (NUH)
 - b. Explain the type of operations the drones will be used for. (TC)

8. As it relates to Professional Services, Index Code 910420B: (Page 668, Program Budget)
 - a. Provide a breakdown of the requested \$3.6 million. (TP) (NUH)
 - b. Explain the training, other than flight time operations, that will be conducted. (NUH)
9. As it relates to Animal care & feeding, Index Code 910420B, provide the number of canines in the program and their roles. For example, do they assist with search and rescue operations or detecting illegal substances? (Page 20-22, Budget Details) (TP)
10. How are the Office of Youth Services grant funds used for the Positive Outreach Interventions and KALO programs? Explain whether these programs are successful, including the outcomes for juvenile offenders. (Page 672, Program Budget) (NUH)
11. As it relates to Repairs & Maintenance – Services/Contracts, Index Code 910083B, explain what repairs the Molokai cottage needs. (Page 20-44, Budget Details) (NUH)
12. As it relates to Computer Software, Index Code 910133B, explain why the Department needs to purchase E-Citation computer software and whether it will be a one-time expense or an annual one. What does the Department use now? (Page-20-48, Budget Details) (TP) (NUH)
13. As it relates to Publications & Subscriptions, Index Code 910158B, is the Firearm/Evidence Licensing subscription new? (Page 20-60, Budget Details) (NUH)
14. As it relates to Repairs & Maintenance – Services/Contracts, Index Code 910160B: (Page 20-60, Budget Details) (TP)
 - a. What computer infrastructure needs to be upgraded for Motorola capability, and what does the new capability entail?
 - b. Is this a one-time expense?
15. As it relates to Repairs & Maintenance – Services/Contracts, Index Code 910489B, provide a detailed explanation of the maintenance

and repairs the receiving desk needs, which total \$150,000? (Page 20-64, Budget Details) (NUH)

16. As it relates to Computer Software, Index Code 910160B:
 - a. Is the maintenance of computer license/software for the implementation of CAD/RMS an annual expense? If yes, why was only \$6,000 allocated for FY 2025? (Page 20-60, Budget Details) (TP)
 - b. Why are there requests for CAD/RMS increases both under this item and under Repairs & Maintenance – Services/Contract, Index Code 910430B? (Page 20-63, Budget Details) (TP)
17. As it relates to Repairs & Maintenance – Buildings, Index Code 910182B, explain what is being refurbished and painted and why the expenditures are necessary. (Page 20-62, Budget Details) (TP)
18. As it relates to Repairs & Maintenance – Services/Contracts, Index Code 910182B: (Page 20-62, Budget Details) (TP)
 - a. How many batteries will be replaced?
 - b. How many batteries are there in total?
 - c. What is the average life span of a battery?
19. As it relates to Telephone, Index Code 910430B, explain the Hawaiian Telcom dispatch service. (Page 20-63, Budget Details) (TP)
20. As it relates to Repairs & Maintenance – Buildings, Index Code 910491B, explain what specific aspects of the station need to be brought into ADA compliance and how the repairs and maintenance will achieve compliance. (Page 20-64, Budget Details) (TP)
21. As it relates to Other Equipment, Index Code 910166C, the quantity lists 35 units but the description indicates 50 Body Armor Sets. Provide the correct amount. (Page 20-65, Budget Details) (TP)
22. As it relates to Other Equipment, Index Code 910182C: (Page 20-65, Budget Details)

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- a. Explain what “Purchase of Network Expansions” means. (TP)
- b. Explain why the Department is requesting to replace only half of its fleet’s portable radios. (GJ)

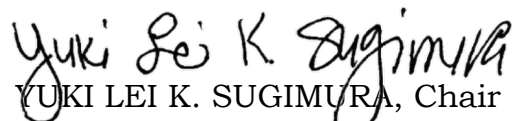
Capital Improvement Projects

1. Provide further information relating to the Restoration of Police Cottages in Hāna. Are there any other expenditures being made this FY relating to these cottages? (SS)

Thank you for your attention to this request. 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 (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,



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