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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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For Transmittal to:

Mayor

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  
(APPENDIX A, PART I, EAST MAUI WATER AUTHORITY,  
HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, FRESH WATER  
INITIATIVE)

On behalf of the East Maui Water Authority, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET; APPENDIX A, PART I, EAST MAUI WATER AUTHORITY, HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, FRESH WATER INITIATIVE, NEW APPROPRIATION OF \$40,000."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Appendix A, Part I, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues – Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2026, to add a new appropriation for the East Maui Water Authority, entitled “Hawaii Community Foundation – Fresh Water Initiative” in the amount of \$40,000.

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These funds will be used to support the East Maui Water Stewardship Plan. The Water Stewardship Plan will integrate generational knowledge, historical evidence, biophysical monitoring, and practical pathways to restore streamflow, re-establish kuleana, and guide equitable, place-based water management decisions to recharge the well-being of wai and East Maui communities for the sustainable benefit of the people of Maui.

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. Gina Young, Director of East Maui Water Authority