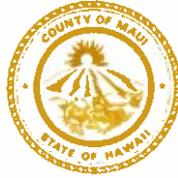


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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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Mayor Date 1-27-26

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: BILL 9 (2026), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET: INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUES, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND OTHER REVENUES; INCREASE GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER/SAVINGS; DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX FUND; DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, INCREASE EQUIVALENT PERSONNEL BY 10.0; AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS (BFED-14)

Thank you for your letter dated January 26, 2026. Department of Water Supply provides the following response:

As stated in Budget Director's letter dated December 29, 2025, the Department is requesting this amendment to allow to continue to pursue the acquisition and needed upgrades of private water systems and wells to align with the Department's vision to integrate public and private water systems and

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develop a municipal water system. As part of the acquisition, upgrades may be needed to bring the water system up to the Department's standards. The 10 unfunded EP would be: two Pipefitter I, two Laborer II, two Pipefitter II, and four Pipefitter Helper. The intent is to create these positions as soon as possible so they can be filled if the County acquires additional systems.

The \$10,000,000 will be used to acquire privately owned water systems. Each water system may include the water source (ground or surface water), storage tanks, and waterline infrastructure. Each acquisition would require an initial evaluation which may include, but not limited to, the location, overall water system condition, records, any violations and Department of Health's records. Once that is completed, there will be a much more critical evaluation of the system's components in which the Department may bring in a consultant. If the evaluation looks acceptable, the Department will then hire a consultant to do an appraisal. At that time, there will be on-going discussion of any easements or agreements that need to work through. There will be on-going negotiations through the process. The timeline from start to finish could take 6 months to 1 year depending on what is being acquired.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information relating to this agenda item. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
**James A
Landgraf**

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JAMES "KIMO" LANDGRAF
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BFED Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:30 AM
To: BFED Committee; John Stufflebean; James A. Landgraf; Linda K. Kimura
Cc: Josiah K. Nishita; Erin A. Wade; Cynthia E. Sasada; Didi A. Hamai; Lesley J. Milner; Kelii P. Nahooikaika
Subject: TRANSMITTAL: Bill 9 (2026), Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget: Increase Estimated Revenues, Licenses, Permits, and Other Revenues; Increase General Fund Carryover/Savings; Dept of Finance, Transfer to General Excise Tax Fund; Dept of Water Supply, Incr
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Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated January 26, 2026, from Deputy Director of Water Supply James “Kimo” Landgraf regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you and have a good day!

Mahalo,
Lita



Lita B. Dahilig

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