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MEMO TO: KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ
Chair, Budget, Finance and Economic Development (BFED)
Committee

F R O M: TASHA KAMA
Councilmember

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR SCHATZ OFFICE
RE: HALAU OF OIWI ARTS (BFED-1)

At my direction, Senior Executive Assistant Evan Dust called with Senator Schatz's Washington D.C. office regarding the "earmark" of \$11,000,000" for this proposed project. Evan spoke with one of Senator's aides, Robert. Robert noted that this is an "earmark" that the Senator is considering proposing to the Senate Committee on Finance. It is not guaranteed; this proposal is still pending.

When asked about the risk to the "earmark" if County Council restructured the timing of construction, Robert stressed that the Senator would not want to influence or interfere in the decision making of the Council. When further asked about the risk, Robert noted that there was some "unquantifiable" risk. Robert noted that, as a guideline, federal funding in local projects are meant to provide funding to finish projects. Projects need to have a local funding commitment prior to the appropriation of federal funding.

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