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March 11, 2024

Ms. Rogerene "Kali" Arce, Director  
Department of Agriculture  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Arce:

SUBJECT: **BILL 33 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024  
BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
(AGRICULTURE PROGRAM, GRANTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION)  
(BFED-79)**

At the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee's meeting of March 5, 2024, the Committee recommended Bill 33 pass first reading to amend the Department's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Among other revisions, Bill 33 reduces the Department's appropriation for Feral Animal Recovery by \$781,500.

May I please request you explain the justification for reduced funding for Feral Animal Recovery. Are feral animals no longer a major issue in our County?

May I further request you transmit your response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **March 21, 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, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

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

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

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

## BFED Committee

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**From:** BFED Committee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 1:39 PM  
**To:** Rogerene Arce  
**Cc:** BFED Committee; Koa.Hewahewa@co.maui.hi; Kahea Ueshiro; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ attached letter re: (BFED 79); reply by 03/21/24  
**Attachments:** 079aag01 - YLS signed.pdf

**Ms. Arce:** Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated March 11, 2024. Please respond by **March 21, 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,  
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Secretary  
BFED Committee