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April 17, 2025

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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For Transmittal To:

Shane Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services,
and Parks Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Sinenci:

**SUBJECT: BILL 111 (2024), ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE
REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN
PUBLIC PLACES AND A RIGHT TO SHELTER (WASSP-13)**

Dear Chair Sinenci,

This responds to your letter dated April 16, 2025 asking for a status update on the mobile hygiene unit, including whether and how often it is used:

As of now, the mobile hygiene units previously transferred to the Maui Police Department from Ka Hale A Ke Ola, which occurred in October 2023, remain inoperable and stored at Hale Makana O Waiale. Following the transfer, the department intended to integrate the hygiene units into their efforts to improve public health and well-being, aligning with the mission of the Mobile Medical Educational Unit currently deployed at Kalama Park in Kihei on Mondays.

Upon receiving the units, we discovered several issues: they were inoperable, tires were flat from prolonged disuse, and the retractable awning required repairs. Although an extra awning was available for replacement, the overall condition of the units makes them undeployable. The estimated costs for repairs were not budgeted, leading to a stalled progress on making the units functional.

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 4-22-25
Mayor Date

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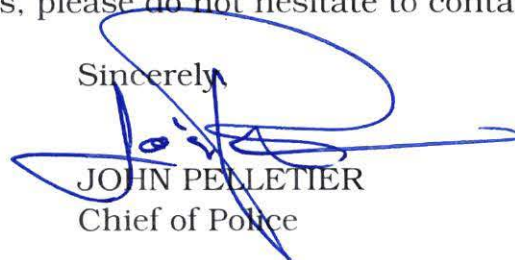
In late 2023, we received a request from the State to deploy the units to the then newly established Pu'uhonua 'O Nene. However, due to the non-operational status of the units, we informed them that without funding to cover the repairs, we could not proceed with this request. Consequently, this opportunity did not materialize.

To assess potential paths forward, we collaborated with Naomi Crozier, the County of Maui Homeless Coordinator. In February of this year, she facilitated a quick inspection by personnel from Prometheus Construction. The resulting estimate to bring the units back to operational status is approximately \$82,000.

Therefore, the mobile hygiene units are not being utilized, and their future remains uncertain pending available funding for necessary repairs. In light of these ongoing challenges, we have discussed transferring the management of the mobile hygiene units to Naomi Crozier's department. Naomi's expertise and coordination with various stakeholders could potentially enhance the units' prospects for successful repair and deployment.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Pelletier", is written over the printed name and title. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

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WASSP Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 2:32 PM
To: WASSP Committee
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