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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 11-28-25
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

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
(ESTIMATED REVENUES, OTHER
INTERGOVERNMENTAL; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA,
NEW APPROPRIATION FOR STATE REVOLVING LOAN
FUND FOR LAHAINA WASTEWATER RECLAMATION
FACILITY RETURNED ACTIVATED SLUDGE AND
APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA,
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR LAHAINA WASTEWATER
RECLAMATION FACILITY RETURNED ACTIVATED
SLUDGE (RAS)/DEWATERING UPGRADES FOR
\$22,409,000)**

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Management, I am transmitting the following:

1. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES, OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL BY \$22,409,000, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, NEW APPROPRIATION FOR STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR LAHAINA WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY RETURNED ACTIVATED SLUDGE (RAS)/DEWATERING UPGRADES AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR LAHAINA WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY RETURNED ACTIVATED SLUDGE (RAS)/DEWATERING UPGRADES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,409,000."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to (1) increase Estimated Revenues, Other Intergovernmental in the amount of \$22,409,000 and increase the total accordingly; (2) to add an appropriation for Capital Improvements Projects, Department of Environmental Management , West Maui Community Plan Area, State Revolving Loan Fund, Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility Returned Activated Sludge (RAS)/Dewatering Upgrades in the amount of \$22,409,000; (3) increase Capital Improvement Project Appropriations and Total Appropriations accordingly; and (4) increase Appendix C – Capital Improvement Projects, Department of Environmental Management, West Maui Community Plan Area, Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility Returned Activated Sludge (RAS)/Dewatering Upgrades by \$22,409,000.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5821, BILL NO. 46, FD1 (2025), RELATING TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A LOAN FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR VARIOUS WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS, FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to authorize the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to finance Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility Returned Activated Sludge (RAS)/Dewatering Upgrades, with funds not to exceed \$22,409,000.

The Department of Environmental Management was notified by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Hawai'i Department of Health that this funding was available to support the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility Returned Activated Sludge (RAS)/Dewatering Upgrades. This loan will have 100% principal forgiveness. The project has recently been put out to bid

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and these funds will be used to support the assessment, design, permitting, construction, and renovation for this project.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lesley", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small upward hook.

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachments

cc: Shayne Agawa, Director of Environmental Management