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February 4, 2026

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

*Richard T. Bissen, Jr.* 2-5-26  
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Mayor Date

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, 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 February 2, 2026. Department of Water Supply provides the following response:

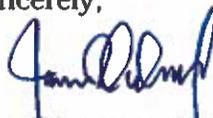
The Countywide Policy Plan includes a policy to retain and expand public control and ownership of water resources and delivery systems. (Policy I.1.e.) The plan does not set forth an implementing action.

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
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The process of evaluating the acquisition and integration of a private water system is detailed and time consuming. Because this process may commence at any point in time, it typically cannot be completed during a single Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fiscal cycle. Reappropriation of funds for this purpose is important in order to ensure that opportunities for acquisition and integration are allowed to run their course without concern of funding loss.

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

Sincerely,



JAMES "KIMO" LANDGRAF  
Deputy Director

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## BFED Committee

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**From:** Estrelita B. Dahilig <Estrelita.B.Dahilig@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 11:42 AM  
**To:** BFED Committee; John Stufflebean; James A. Landgraf; Linda K. Kimura; Yukilei Sugimura  
**Cc:** Josiah K. Nishita; Erin A. Wade; Cynthia E. Sasada; Didi A. Hamai; Lesley J. Milner; Kelii P. Nahooikaika  
**Subject:** TRANSMITTAL: Bill 9, Amending Fiscal Year 2026 Budget  
**Attachments:** MT#11386.BFED.Committee.Chair.Sugimura.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated February 4, 2026, from Deputy Director of Water Supply, James “Kimo” Landgraf regarding the above subject matter.  
Thank you and have a great day!

Mahalo,  
Lita



**Lita B. Dahilig**

Secretary

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