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July 2, 2025

Mr. Josiah Nishita, Managing Director Department of Management County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Nishita:

## SUBJECT: ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT, SINGLE AUDIT REPORT, AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY'S FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS (BFED-20(11))

The Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee discussed these matters at its meeting of July 1, 2025.

May I please request that you provide the following information or explanations related to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery reimbursements and related processes:

- a. The funding and drawdown process for each component of the CDBG-DR grant. Please describe how these funds are requested, disbursed, and tracked.
- b. The County's plan for managing CDBG-DR grant reporting and compliance. Please include:
  - i. The process for preparing and submitting reimbursement requests.
  - ii. The roles and responsibilities of staff and any planned consultants.
  - iii. The steps the County is taking to ensure timely submissions, compliance with grant requirements, and ongoing monitoring.

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c. The current average processing time for FEMA and CDBG-DR reimbursements. Has the County experienced any reimbursement delays to date? Please explain.

May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **July 16, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

Yuki Sei K. Suginyig

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

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