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April 1, 2025

Mr. Andrew Martin, Prosecuting Attorney Department of the Prosecuting Attorney County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Martin:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (PA-02)

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the BFED Committee meeting on **April 8, 2025**.* This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit your answer to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by the end of the day on **April 8, 2025**. *Date subject to change without notice.

However, if a written response is received by **Friday, April 4, 2025**, your Department may be excused from appearing before the Committee on April 8.

Overall

- 1. What statistics can the Department provide regarding crime rates monitored in the aftermath of the August 2023 wildfires, including any evident changes in crime trends or public safety needs? (TP)
- 2. Has there been an increase in penalties or prosecutions in response to the reported rise in thefts within the Burn Zone following the August 2023 wildfires? (TP)
- 3. The Department's strategies include a commitment to "enhance crime prevention efforts by collaborating on community engagement opportunities with our community partners and other stakeholders."

What specific efforts is the Department undertaking to collaborate with rural communities experiencing increased drug and substance abuse issues? (Page 697, Program Budget) (SS)

- 4. In light of the external factors described in the Program Budget, including the presence of mold at the Old Wailuku Courthouse, has the Department or the Administration identified a potential new location to consolidate and house the entire Department? (Page 698, Program Budget) (TC)
 - a. Have there been any increased operational expenses associated with the mold situation, and if so, what is the estimated amount?
 - b. What are the current plans for the Old Wailuku Courthouse facility and has mold remediation begun? If so, what is the anticipated completion date? (Page 698, Program Budget) (TC) (NUH)
- 5. The Department's external factors notes a high retirement rate among experienced attorneys. What efforts is the Department making to recruit qualified attorneys and preserve institutional knowledge of its operations? (Page 699, Program Budget) (TC)
- 6. Please provide a list of grant awards, if any, that are funding the Department in FY 2025. For each grant, include the granting agency and the amount by major grantor type (e.g., federal, state, private). Additionally, please indicate the percentage each grantor type represents of the Department's total grant funding. (Page 707, Program Budget) (TC)
- 7. Please provide the Fiscal Year 2025 Actual expenditures, to date, for programs funded through revolving funds and grant revenue sources. (Page 707, Program Budget) (TC)
- 8. During the FY 2025 Budget session, the Department discussed implementing a 4/10 work schedule to support work-life balance. Was this schedule implemented? If so, what benefits and challenges has the Department observed since its implementation? (NUH) (TP)
- 9. Please explain the Hawaii Career Criminal Prosecution Program and the changes to the two (2) Positions of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. (Page 21-13, Budget Details) (TC)

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- 10. Please provide an update on the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Information Systems Analyst who transferred to the Department of Management's Information Technology Services Division. (TP)
- 11. Under Goal #1, item 2, what type of information is provided to victim-witnesses as part of the Victim Witness Program? (Page 701, Program Budget) (TC)
- 12. Under Goal #2, item 1, the estimated number of sexual assault cases referred for prosecution in FYs 2025 and 2026 is significantly higher than the FY 2024 Actual. The Quarter 2 Budget Implementation Report indicates that 16 cases have been referred since December 31, 2024. What accounts for this discrepancy? (Page 702, Program Budget) (NUH)
- 13. Under Goal #5, item 1, what types of outreach trainings will be offered to the public? How will these trainings be conducted, what information will be provided, and how will they be advertised? (Page 703, Program Budget) (TC)

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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