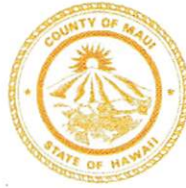


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*Richard T. Bissen* 12-29-25  
Mayor Date

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  
(OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM, MAKAWAO-PĀ'IA-HA'IKŪ ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL  
PROGRAMS, REMOVING CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR  
KAIZEN GROUP INC., INSERTING CONDITIONAL  
LANGUAGE FOR NĀ MAKA MĀLIKO)**

On behalf of the Office of Economic Development, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, MAKAWAO-PĀ'IA-HA'IKŪ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, REMOVING CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR KAIZEN GROUP INC. AND INSERTING CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR NĀ MAKA MĀLIKO."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program, Grants and disbursements

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for business development and technology, Makawao-Pā'ia-Ha'ikū Economic Development, Environmental, and Cultural Programs, is amended to update the conditional language to delete "Kaizen Group Inc., for a surfing event" and insert "Nā Maka Māliko to support the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of lands at and adjoining Māliko Gulch, Maui,".

Kaizen Group Inc. will not be able to use the funds this Fiscal Year. The amendment request to re-appropriate the funds was submitted by Councilmember U'u Hodgins.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,



LESLEY MILNER  
Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff  
Jade Rojas-Letisi, Director of Economic Development