

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 23, 2018

**Committee
Report No. _____**

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on February 27, 2018, makes reference to County Communication 17-255, from Councilmember Riki Hokama, relating to amendments to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to authorize transfers between categories of use that are within a program or department.

By correspondence dated January 18, 2018, the Budget Director transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget within the Department of Fire and Public Safety by transferring \$40,480 from the Training Program, Category B (Operations) to Category C (Equipment) for uniforms for the next firefighter recruit class; and \$12,200 from the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category B (Operations) to Category C (Equipment), for helicopter rescue nets and rescue saws.

Your Committee notes the uniform, or turnout gear, is the protective clothing worn by firefighters when responding to an incident. The turnout gear is comprised of multiple layers of material that are tough and durable, yet maintain comfort and breathability to minimize fatigue and heat stress while worn by the firefighters. Each uniform is approximately \$2,000. The uniforms are classified as equipment in the budget.

The Fire Chief said the Department's next recruit class is anticipated to begin on April 1, 2018. He said the 22 recruits will train for six-and-a-half months before graduating to firefighters.

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He said the Department has 23 vacancies. He was unable to provide an estimate on the number of positions that may become vacant through the end of the calendar year. He said 55 employees in the Department are eligible for retirement through December 31, 2018.

The Chief said the uniforms are expensive and have a short useful life, so maintaining a large inventory is inefficient. He said the Department has a purchasing contract for uniforms which allow the Department to order uniforms and receive them within 30 days.

The Chief also said the funds were originally appropriated for travel for Molokai and Lanai personnel. He said the transfer of funds will not impact the operations of the Department.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair White, and members Atay, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, Guzman, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member King was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET," be **ADOPTED**.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair

Resolution

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AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED
APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 9-10(2) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), provides that, upon written request of the Mayor, part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance may be transferred within a department by resolution or from one department to another by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the General Budget Provisions in Ordinance No. 4456, Bill No. 65 (2017), Draft 1, as amended, ("Fiscal Year 2018 Budget"), states that, unless otherwise provided, appropriations for each program may be disbursed for the following categories of use: (a) salaries, premium pay, or reallocation pay, (b) operations or services, and (c) equipment; provided the disbursement is within the program and category of use for which it was appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.B.5. of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, relating to the Department of Fire and Public Safety, sets forth appropriations for the Training Program and Fire/Rescue Operations Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-10(2) of the Charter, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa has submitted a written request to transfer an unencumbered appropriation balance of \$40,480 from the Training Program, Category B (operations), to the Training Program, Category C (equipment), and \$12,200 from

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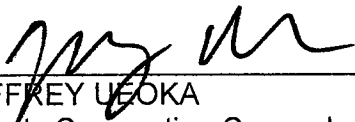
the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category B (operations), to the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category C (equipment), in order to disburse \$52,680 for equipment from the appropriate category; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That, pursuant to Section 9-10(2) of the Charter and Section 7 of the General Budget Provisions, and in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, it does hereby authorize the transfer of an unencumbered appropriation balance of \$40,480 from the Training Program, Category B (operations), to the Training Program, Category C (equipment), and \$12,200 from the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category B (operations), to the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category C (equipment), for turnouts, rescue saws, and rescue nets; and

2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Director of Finance, Budget Director and Fire Chief.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



JEFFREY UEOKA
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui