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March 31, 2025

Mr. David Raatz, Jr., Director
Office of Council Services
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Raatz:

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

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting on **April 16, 2025***. This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

May I further request that you transmit your answer to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by the end of the day on **April 16, 2025**. **Date subject to change without notice.*

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. How does the Salary Commission's recent decision on salary increases affect positions within the Department? Which positions are impacted and what is the reason for the impact? (TC)
 - a. What is the recommended salary adjustment for Councilmembers? (Page 4-3, Budget Details, 901041A) (TP)
2. What accounts for the anticipated \$220,000 increase in premium pay? (Page 148, Program Budget) (YLS)
3. Please provide a breakdown of overtime and premium pay costs by section for FY 2024 and FY 2025, to date. (Page 4-7, Budget Details, 901041A) (TC)

Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)

1. Please provide a detailed explanation of the Voluntary Education Assistance Program.
 - Who qualifies for the program, how will it operate, and what guidelines or policies will govern the allocation of funds?
 - Will there be caps or targets for the amount of financial assistance available per participant or limits on the number of eligible employees?
 - What additional requirements, if any, will be placed on participants?
 - Has the Department considered distributing a survey to assess employee interest to help inform funding needs?
 - How does this program compare to the sabbatical program established through collective bargaining agreements?

(Page 154, Program Budget, 901041B-6230) (GJ) (YLS) (TC)

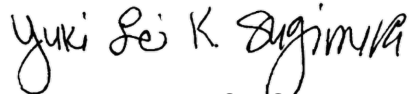
2. What is the purpose of the Wellness Committee and what services does it provide? (Page 4-8, Budget Details, 901041B) (TC)
3. The IRS increased the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.70 per mile effective January 1, 2025. Should the expansion request be adjusted to reflect this rate change, and if so, what is the revised proposed amount for FY 2026? (Page 4-9, Budget Details, 901041B-6254) (TP)
4. When is the new fiber internet connection for the Kalana O Maui Building expected to be operational? Will the service be limited to the 7th and 8th floors, or will it include other areas such as Akakū? Does the Kalana Pakui Building currently have fiber internet access? (Page 4-8, Budget Details, 901041B-6110) (TP)
5. Under 901042B Other Legislative Program, how many studies have been initiated or commissioned by the Department? Please provide a list of these studies, including the start and completion dates, purpose, vendor name, and total cost. (Page 4-9, Budget Details, 901042B) (TC)

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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
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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