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April 9, 2025

Mr. Kapono'ai Molitau, Director
Department of 'Ōiwi Resources
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Molitau:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (OWR-03)

May I please request your response to the following:

1. Please explain whether the Department's FY 2026 funding for the proposed expansion positions could be staggered. For example, because the Chief Hawaiian Cultural Specialist and Archaeologist are hard-to-fill positions, will they need eight months of funding? Alternatively, should easier-to-fill positions need 10 or 12 months of funding instead of 8 months? (Page 16-3, Budget Details) (TP)
2. The County recently acquired property identified for real property tax purposes as tax map key (2) 2-3-001:023, in Kula, from Von Tempsky FP.
 - a. Please clarify whether an archaeological survey is required. If yes, and if additional funding is needed, please specify the amount.
 - b. What is the estimated cost to preserve all culturally significant portions of the property? How much funding will the Department require in FY 2026 to achieve this? (YLS)

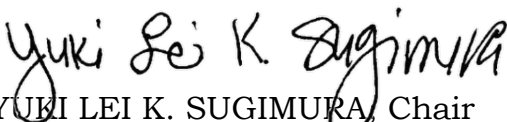
May I further request that you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 15, 2025**, to enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

Mr. Kapono'ai Molitau
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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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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Budget Director
Deputy Director of 'Ōiwi Resources

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 2:00 PM
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Subject: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (OWR-03); response due by 4/15/25
Attachments: (OWR-3) Correspondence to Ōiwi Resources 04-09-2025.pdf

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
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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 **4-15-25**
Mayor Date

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (OWR-03)

Aloha Kākou e nā Lālā o ia Kōmike,

Mahalo for your questions. Please see our responses below.

1. Please explain whether the Department's FY 2026 funding for the proposed expansion positions could be staggered. For example, because the Chief Hawaiian Cultural Specialist and Archaeologist are hard-to-fill positions, will they need eight months of funding? Alternatively, should easier-to-fill positions need 10 or 12 months of funding instead of 8 months? (Page 16-3, Budget Details) (TP)

The Department of 'Ōiwi is currently asking for two positions to be unfunded with the understanding that the new positions will take more time to create and fill. This along with the eight month funding for the other expansion positions will allow the

Department the flexibility to fill the positions as they are created. We anticipate the Chief Hawaiian Cultural Specialist and Archaeologist to be filled sooner rather than later and would prefer to ask for ten months funding.

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 - b. What is the estimated cost to preserve all culturally significant portions of the property? How much funding will the Department require in FY 2026 to achieve this? (YLS)
- a & b *Yes, an archaeological survey will be required. An interim field study conducted by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources in February 2025 confirmed the presence of hundreds of burial mounds throughout the parcel. Analysis of traditional place names, consultation with lineal descendants, and field documentation confirmed these mounds contain Iwi Kūpuna. While a previous AIS exists for a portion of the parcels, SHPD 6E regulations state that previous archaeological inventory surveys are not linked to TMKs in perpetuity but are requirements of proposed projects. Any new ground altering activities on these parcels would require new supplemental AIS work. Previously conducted studies for both TMKs [2] 2-3-001:174 and [2] 2-3-001:023 also did not adequately consider the oral history or testimony of living descendants from Keahuaiwi, leading a misinterpretation of the present mound features as "agricultural." An updated AIS study runs with the project "NOT" the parcel to address these issues would likely cost approximately a million dollars.*

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide answers to the FY 2026 Budget questions from the BFED Committee. Should you have any additional questions or need clarification, please contact me @ the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, ext. 6177 or the 'Ōiwi Department Main Line ext. 1719.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Kapono'ai Molitau, Director
Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, County of Maui

BFED Committee

From: Janina E. Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:06 PM
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Subject: (BFED-1)(OWR-03)
Attachments: (BFED-1)(OWR-03).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence (BFED-1)(OWR-03).

Thank you,

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