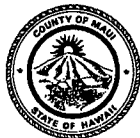


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August 14, 2018

Mr. William Spence, Director
Department of Housing and Human Concerns
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Spence:

**SUBJECT: AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET:
HAWAII HOUSING PLANNING STUDY (AFFORDABLE
HOUSING FUND) (BF-162)**

The Budget and Finance Committee is in receipt of County Communication 18-282 from the Budget Director, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND." The proposed appropriation from the Affordable Housing Fund will provide the County's share of the cost for the Hawaii Housing Planning Study ("Study").

May I please request you respond to the following:

1. Provide the scope of work for the Study. When was the Request for Proposals completed and who was awarded the bid? Also, provide the total cost of the study and how Maui County's share was calculated.
2. Explain the importance for the County to participate in the statewide study. Is the Study, or a portion of the Study, specific to Maui County? If so, provide a copy of the scope of work.


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3. As stated in the correspondence dated July 26, 2016, from the Budget Director, the data from the Study is used by developers, nonprofits, and other agencies to justify the funding for projects and programs from the County's Affordable Housing Fund and to leverage those funds for Federal and State sources. Could administrative funds from HOME Investment Partnerships Program, National Housing Trust Fund, Community Development Block Grant, and Section 8 be used to fund the study? If so, why is the proposed budget amendment for funds from the Affordable Housing Fund? If not, explain why the funds are not eligible for use if there are direct benefits from the Study.
4. Provide a timeline for the Study and indicate how the timing of the completion of the Study will benefit the County in obtaining future State and Federal Funds.

May I further request you provide your response no later than **Monday, August 20, 2018**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Michele Yoshimura at ext. 7663, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa
Budget Director