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April 19, 2018

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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Riki Hokama
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama:

**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES &
VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS
(BF-1)**

Having observed numerous Budget and Finance Committee meetings this week, I was concerned about the discussions pertaining to our request for Electric Vehicles as replacements for traditional fossil fueled vehicles. On numerous occasions, the Budget & Finance Committee has expressed interest in denying all of our requests for alternative fuel vehicles, and instead budgeting for traditional fuel vehicles.

We transmitted to the Maui County Council, in December 2017, the County of Maui's FY 2018 Alternative Vehicles Assessment, which provides valuable guidance and makes reference to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 103D-412 on page 3.

HRS 103D-412 states in part:

Light-duty motor vehicle requirements. (a) The procurement policy for all agencies purchasing or leasing light-duty motor vehicles shall be to reduce dependence on petroleum for transportation energy.

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(b) Beginning January 1, 2010, all state and county entities, when purchasing new vehicles, shall seek vehicles with reduced dependence on petroleum-based fuels that meet the needs of the agency. Priority for selecting vehicles shall be as follows:

- (1) Electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles;
- (2) Hydrogen or fuel cell vehicles;
- (3) Other alternative fuel vehicles;
- (4) Hybrid electric vehicles; and
- (5) Vehicles that are identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in its annual "Fuel Economy Leaders" report as being among the top performers for fuel economy in their class.

Please understand that the FY 2019 budget proposal, which included various requests for electric vehicles, took into consideration said statute. We would request that you please consider HRS 103D-412 as part of the deliberations so that we will be in compliance with state law. If it is the Council's decision not to comply with HRS 103D-412, we would request that the Council clearly indicate, as part of the deliberation process, that it is setting policy not to comply with state law.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7855.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Arakawa", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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