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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

 8-4-25  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)**

The Department of Water Supply (DWS) has been working with the U.S. Geological Survey, Pacific Islands Water Science Center, United States Department of the Interior (USGS) since the 1980s to monitor rainfall, stream flow and groundwater resources in Maui County. We respectfully request to continue this cooperative water resources monitoring program from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The data collected at selected rainfall, streamflow and groundwater monitoring stations is used to evaluate the status and trends of water resources throughout Maui and Molokai islands. Collected data is stored in the USGS National Water Information System database and is publicly available. The funding for this program is included in the DWS fiscal year 2026 budget. Additional funding is provided this period to add a new precipitation stream gage at Honomanu in East Maui and to assess groundwater availability in the Launiupoko Aquifer System in West Maui.

Section 2.20.020 of the Maui County Code requires an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into any intergovernmental agreement or any amendment thereto which places a financial

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obligation upon the County or any department or agency. Therefore, we respectfully request approval of the above referenced and attached proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Stufflebean", is positioned above the printed name.

JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.  
Director

xc: Eva Blumenstein, Planning Program Administrator