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October 21, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Yukari Murakami
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Re: Request for Opinion (S RFO-G 25-01)

Dear Ms. Murakami:

The Office of Information Practices (OIP) opened the above-referenced file relating to your request for a formal advisory opinion on:

Whether Maui County's Independent Nomination Board ("INB"), which is governed by the Sunshine Law, and which reviews applications for appointments to boards and commissions, and then selects potential candidates for the designated appointing authority to consider for nomination, is allowed to conduct interviews of applicants, and then discuss, review, and vote on those appointments, in executive session pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. §92-5(a)(2)?

OIP will contact you if additional documentation or information is required. Due to a significant backlog of cases, please expect that it will be a year or longer before OIP renders a formal opinion on this issue. Should you have any questions concerning the status of your request, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (808) 586-1400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiara Maumau".

Tiara Maumau
Staff Attorney

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Great Committee

From: Yukari Murakami <Yukari.Murakami@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Great Committee; Kasie M. Takayama
Cc: Candace Stahl; Cody Minatodani
Subject: GREAT-5(7) additional document to RFLS dated 9/24/24 (2023-0139)
Attachments: 102124 Ltr to Murakami re OIP opinion request.pdf

Please see attached letter from OIP acknowledging receipt of our letter requesting a formal opinion.

Thank you,
Yukari

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