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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

December 13, 2024

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

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET (APPENDIX A, PART II, HOMEOWNER PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND, 'OHANA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

On behalf of the Department of Housing, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART II, HOMEOWNER PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND, 'OHANA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues - Schedule of Revolving/Special Funds for Fiscal Year 2025, Homeowner Programs Revolving Fund to increase the estimated balance as of 6/3/2024 by \$2,718,266 and add conditional language authorizing the use of funds for the 'ohana assistance program, in the amount of \$2,718,266.

The funds for the 'ohana assistance program were encumbered prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2024 through a contract with Lokahi Pacific. After further Alice L. Lee, Chair December 13, 2024 Page 2

discussion with the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Department of Housing was informed that, because the funds had been issued via a contract rather than a grant, it would not be possible for Lokahi Pacific to issue grants to applicants using the contracted funds. The Department of Housing has amended the contract with Lokahi Pacific to cover only administrative costs for the program, and this amendment will allow the Department to re-encumber the remaining funds for grants.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Richard E. Mitchell, Director of Housing