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June 24, 2025

Ms. Marcy Martin, Director
Department of Finance
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Martin:

SUBJECT: **COUNTY BOND ISSUANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025** (BFED-20(9))

The Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee will be discussing the County of Maui's planned bond issuance for Calendar Year 2025 at its meeting of July 1, 2025.

In preparation for the meeting, may I please request your response to the following:

1. Is the Department on track to proceed with the planned bond issuance in August 2025? What is the anticipated bond amount?

2. If the bond issuance is delayed, will the Fiscal Year 2026 General Budget Provisions need to be amended?

3. What are the County's current bond ratings?

4. Have the recurring material weaknesses and significant deficiencies reported in the audit reports affected the County's bond rating or ability to market the bonds?

    a. Has the County sought and received updated guidance from its municipal advisor or bond counsel regarding the audit findings and their potential effect on the bond issuance? What was the guidance received?

b. If needed, what steps is the County taking to mitigate potential impacts on borrowing costs or investor confidence?

5. Are there changes in market conditions or interest rate assumptions that may affect the size, structure, or timing of the issuance?

6. Are there any credit-rating agency reviews scheduled or anticipated prior to the upcoming bond issuance?

7. Will the County pursue a negotiated sale or a competitive interest rate for the bond issuance?

8. What criteria will the County use to determine which bond sale method is most advantageous?

9. How will the bond issuance affect debt-service coverage requirements?

10. Are there any financial limits or risks that bond counsel or the municipal advisor recommends the Council monitor during FY 2026?

May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **June 30, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.