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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

February 8, 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 2024 BUDGET (GENERAL BUDGET PROVISIONS, SECTION 18)

On behalf of the Department of Finance, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, GENERAL BUDGET PROVISIONS, SECTION 18."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget, General Budget Provisions, Section 18 to delete "\$55,000,000" and insert "10 percent of the total operating budget. In case of a disaster or emergency as defined in section 127A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and resulting in a proclamation of a state of emergency or local state of emergency under section 127A-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes the Council may, by ordinance, increase the allowable aggregate amount of transfers and loans by an additional 10 percent."

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In reviewing the aggregate amount of transfer and loans that must be unreimbursed, the Investment Committee determined that the amount had not been changed since 2010. In 2010, \$55,000,000 was approximately 9.8 percent of the total operating budget. In order for the County to make better use of its cash flow, the Committee recommended this amount be changed to a fixed percentage with a condition allowing the Council to raise the amount in times of emergency.

The Department of Finance has consulted with bond counsel and was advised that this amendment would not impact our disclosure requirements and it is considered an internal operating decision.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 7212 or Lesley Milner at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Steve Tesoro, Acting Director of Finance