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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Riki Hokama Chair, Budget and Finance Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama:

SUBJECT: REQUEST/QUESTION FROM THE APRIL 12, 2017 MEETING (HC-5) (BF-1)

The Department is in receipt of your correspondence dated April 13, 2017 which inquired about the effectiveness of the assignment of 3.0 equivalent personnel under the Department of Management who were assigned "to assist with projects furthering the goal of resolving the Upcountry water meter wait list, specific projects such as the restoration of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia, and other capital improvement projects as needed", pursuant to a proviso on page 13 of the FY 2017 Budget (Ordinance 4334, as amended).

The Housing Division has been receiving assistance from the Managing Director's office with the Kulamalu Hale Affordable Housing Project currently under construction in Pukalani. The EP assigned to assist us has continued to make the Kulamalu project a priority, and therefore we have not experienced a decrease in the level of service, nor have we identified a negative impact to the project as a result of the reassignment of personnel from the MD's office.

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Had this not continued to be a priority in the MD's office, the Department is of the firm belief that the project would have experienced significant delays and greatly increased costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,

CAROL K. REIMANN

Director of Housing and Human Concerns