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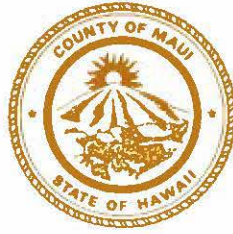
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March 19, 2024

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200 South High Street  
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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

*Richard T Bissen* 3/20/24  
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Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura  
Chair, Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 40 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: REVENUES, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (COUNTYWIDE COSTS, SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSFER TO THE SOLID WASTE FUND); CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (COUNTYWIDE, SANITATION); AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (COUNTYWIDE, LĀHAINĀ WILDFIRE DISPOSAL SITES) (BFED-87)**

In response to your request for information dated March 12, 2024, your request and the corresponding answer(s) are provided below by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM):

- 1. What forms of mitigation may owners implement if debris on their properties is determined to be hazardous? Will they ship hazardous waste off-island?**

Response:

The County has been in discussions with Federal and State partners regarding different mitigation methods that stabilize debris by immobilizing constituents of concern. The County would need to work with the property owner to determine the constituents of concern and the

best suited mitigation method. The property owner does have the option of shipping hazardous waste off-island, but would need to consult with the Department of Health or a certified hazardous waste handler on proper packaging, notifications, and reporting. This effort is being paid for by FEMA and USACE for program participants. Alternative program participants will need to bear this cost on their own.

- 2. When will the alternate debris removal program plan be finalized and made available to the public? Has a temporary site been determined for the alternate debris removal program? If so, how long will it take to prepare the site for operation?**

Response:

The alternate debris removal program plan will be presented at the March 22, 2024 County Council meeting. A temporary site for the alternate debris removal program will be located at Central Maui Landfill and the intention is to locate the temporary site adjacent to the permanent disposal site to minimize the distance from the temporary site to the permanent disposal site. Following funding approval, the Solid Waste Division estimates that it will take six (6) months to procure and complete design and construction of the temporary site and procure operational support.

- 3. What company or entity will the County work with to verify hazardous debris testing results for debris from commercial properties?**

Response:

The Solid Waste Division is awaiting approval of funding to procure a consultant to assist with properly receiving debris from commercial properties in the alternate debris removal program. Only non-hazardous waste and debris can be accepted at the Central Maui Landfill. The Solid Waste Division consultant will assist with reviewing Sampling and Analysis Plans to ensure proper sampling and testing are conducted, as well as review of analytical reports resulting from the testing. For commercial properties that have opted-in to the Federal debris removal program, the US Army Corp will contract support to ensure that only non-hazardous waste is brought to the Central Maui Landfill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to forward them to the Department of Environmental Management via transmittal through the Office of the Mayor.

Sincerely,



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March 12, 2024

Mr. Shayne Agawa, Director  
Department of Environmental Management  
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Dear Mr. Agawa:

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At the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting of March 5, 2024, you confirmed that owners of commercial properties that opt out of the government debris removal program would be responsible for testing and mitigating hazardous waste for their own properties.

May I please request your response to the following:

1. What forms of mitigation may owners implement if debris on their properties is determined to be hazardous? Will they ship hazardous waste off-island?
2. When will the alternate debris removal program plan be finalized and made available to the public? Has a temporary site been determined for the alternate debris removal program? If so, how long will it take to prepare the site for operation?

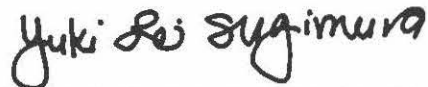
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3. What company or entity will the County work with to verify hazardous debris testing results for debris from commercial properties?

May I further request you transmit your response to [bfed.commtee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.commtee@mauicounty.us) by **March 21, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



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

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**Subject:** MT#10559 Bill 40  
**Attachments:** MT#10559-BFED Committee.pdf

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