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June 14, 2024

Mr. Craig Scully, Partner and Chair, Government & Public Finance Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP 50 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020-1605

Via E-mail: craig.scully@katten.com

Dear Mr. Scully:

SUBJECT: JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (BFED-21(24))

At its meeting of June 18, 2024, the Maui County Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee will be discussing Contract C7619, including all amendments, with Johnson Controls, Inc., and Equipment Lease Agreement 1474 with Bank of Hawaii.

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

- 1. Under what authority is the County able to enter into an energy performance contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. and an agreement like Equipment Lease Agreement 1474 with Bank of Hawaii?
- 2. Is Equipment Lease Agreement 1474 considered a County debt similar to general obligation bonds or should it be considered an operating expense similar to other equipment leases? Further, what is the County's obligation or liability under this agreement? Please explain.
- 3. Does the Council have the authority to decide whether to appropriate payments for Equipment Lease Agreement 1474 each

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fiscal year? If so, what happens if the Council does not appropriate funds?

Also, if you have a prepared presentation or documents for distribution for the June 18 meeting, may I kindly request that it be submitted with your response.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter. May I please request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **June 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.** 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 808-270-7761, or Yvette Bouthillier at 808-270-7758).

Sincerely,

Yuki Sei K. Sugimuka

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Chief of Staff

BFED Committee

From:	BFED Committee
Sent:	Friday, June 14, 2024 10:03 AM
To:	craig.scully@katten.com
Cc:	BFED Committee; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Leo Caires
Subject:	please read attached letter re: BFED-21(24); reply by 6/17/24
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Mr. Scully: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated June 14, 2024. Please respond by **June 17, 2024**.

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Chief of Staff: FYI

Thank you,