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April 15, 2025

Mr. John Pelletier, Chief of Police  
Department of Police  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Pelletier:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (PD-04)

May I please request the following information:

1. Based on testimony received at the April 11, 2025, Molokai Residency Area meeting on the FY 2026 Budget:
  - a. What are the Department's current plans for the existing Molokai Police Station?
  - b. It was noted that the Hawaii National Guard building on Molokai is being considered as a possible new site for the Department. If so, please provide the following:
    - i. Are negotiations underway regarding the Department's potential use of the building? When does the Department anticipate a lease of the building? If a lease already exists, provide a copy.
    - ii. Approximate renovation costs could total \$18 million. Please confirm this cost and provide the scope of work. Is a cost estimate for building renovations included in the FY 2026 Budget?
    - iii. The site was referred to as a "temporary" location. How long does the Department plan to use the facility if

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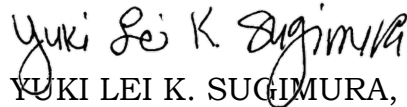
renovation plans proceed? What is the expected timeline for renovations before the Department is able to occupy the building?

2. Please further explain the purpose for the CBS-8904 Pu'u O Hoku Ranch Site Replacement project.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Budget Director  
Deputy Chief of Police

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**Attachments:** (PD-4) Correspondence to Police Chief 04-15-2025.pdf



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April 17, 2025

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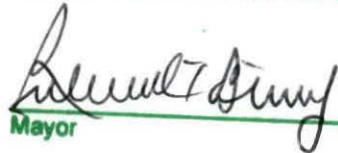
Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura  
Chair, Budget, Finance, and  
Economic Development Committee  
Maui County Council  
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Dear Chair Sugimura:

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

  
Mayor 4-17-25  
Date

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (PD-4)**

1. Based on testimony received at the April 11, 2025 Molokai Residency Area meeting on the FY 2026 Budget:

- a. What are the department's current plans for the existing Molokai Police Station?

That's not for us to decide. We lease the building, we don't own it, so it's ultimately up to the community or the county to determine what happens with it. That said, we would like to have some transition time, allowing us to continue operating out of the old station while we move into the new one, wherever that may be.

- b. It was noted that the Hawaii National Guard building on Molokai is being considered as a possible new site for the Department. If so, provide the following:

- i. Are negotiations underway regarding the Department's potential use of the building? When does the Department anticipate a lease of the building? If a lease already exists, provide a copy.

Yes, negotiations started years back. Recently on March 27<sup>th</sup>, a larger meeting took place at the armory with the stakeholders to discuss the negotiations and concept. The National Guard was open to drafting up a letter of intent right away which would lead us to believe that the lease could be available as soon as a budget is approved.

- ii. Approximate renovation costs could total \$18 million. Please confirm this cost and provide the scope of work. Is a cost estimate for the building renovations included in the FY2026 Budget?

That is our first rough preliminary cost estimate just to start the discussion of the budget needed. The preliminary cost and scope of work were itemized by the consultants Michael Wright & Associates and were handed out by Capt. Jamie Winfrey at the meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Line item decision on the preliminary budget is being worked on by Michael Wright, Capt. Winfrey, and the County Council as we are trying to get the building renovations placed into the FY2026 budget. A discussion is needed on how much of the \$18 million seems feasible to encumber in the first year, and what portion of it might be a FY27 carryover to finish the construction.

- iii. The site was referred to as a "temporary" location. How long does the Department plan to use the facility if renovation plans proceed? What is the expected timeline for renovations before the Department is able to occupy the building?

The National Guard would prefer a long-term 25-year lease. MPD likes that option and is willing to sign off on that length of time, but the intent would be to continue focus on obtaining the land needed for a new facility on Molokai and keep the plan of eventually moving to a new facility, with new access roads on newly acquired county land, sometime in the future closer to 10 years from now instead of staying at the "temporary" location for 25 years.

Expected timeline for renovations is outlined in the preliminary assessment from Michael Wright & Associates. It predicts roughly an 18-month aggressive timeline of obtaining funding, obtaining expedited permits, and completion of renovations within the footprint of the existing buildings.



From the best advice from the consultants of Michael Wright & Associates, it would be best that we consider move-in to be at the end of all renovations and construction such that there isn't a situation where the department is going back and forth between two facilities, as well as a situation where renovations cause a partially moved in department to continuously try to work around noise, dust, debris, and active construction equipment. Move in would be at the end of the construction timeline.

2. Please further explain the purpose for the CBS-8904 Pu'u O Hoku Ranch Site Replacement project.

The Pu'u O Hoku Ranch Site Replacement project seeks to relocate the existing radio site near Hālawā Valley on Moloka'i to accomplish the following needs:

- Relocate the communications site away from Ranch housing and lessen the impact of the site on living conditions and operations.
- Replace the tower with a 4-solid leg, free-standing structure in order to:
  - Accommodate additional microwave link connectivity from Haleakalā and West Maui;
  - Increase the overall height to improve radio wave propagation;
  - Improve tower survivability in hurricane and other severe storm conditions;
  - The existing tower is experiencing corrosion of the base bolts and some structural members, which will require deconstruction and rebuilding of the concrete support piers (15' to 20' deep each), taking the site off the air for months. The new tower and facilities can be constructed prior to relocating the equipment, requiring an outage of only 24 to 48 hours.
- Place the site's emergency power generator within an enclosure to stop the corrosion caused by the high salt spray environment.
- Provide a larger Convault fuel storage with a fuel polisher to extend the life of the fuel for the emergency site power generator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pelletier', written over a horizontal line.

JOHN PELLETIER  
Chief of Police

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**From:** Janina E. Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>  
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**Subject:** (BFED-1)(PD-04)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-1)(PD-04).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence (BFED-1)(PD-04).

Thank you,

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