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February 11, 2025

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 2025 BUDGET (GENERAL BUDGET PROVISIONS, SECTION 18(A))

On behalf of the Department of Finance, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, GENERAL BUDGET PROVISIONS, SECTION 18(A)."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 Budget, General Budget Provisions, Section 18 (A) to delete "\$100,000,000" and insert "\$250,000,000."

Due to the large number of capital improvement projects currently underway in the County, as of December 31, 2024, the total amount of transfers and loans from the General Fund was \$91,752,554.92.

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The Administration has already requested an amendment to reallocate some projects previously authorized for Bond Fund to General Fund in order to reduce the amount of transfers and loans. After additional discussion, the Administration is proposing this amendment as an alternative.

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

Due to the current transfer and loan balance, this amendment is time sensitive and needs to be passed prior to the end of March 2025. We would request direct referral to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee so that this bill could be discussed along with Bill 15 (2025).

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

Sincerely

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Marcy Martin, Director of Finance