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March 3, 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 (OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CULTURE, ARTS, AND TOURISM, WAILUKU FILM FESTIVAL)

On behalf of the Office of Economic Development, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CULTURE, ARTS, AND TOURISM, WAILUKU FILM FESTIVAL."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program, Grants and disbursements for culture, arts, and tourism, Maui Film Festival to delete "Maui" and insert "Maui Economic Development Board, Inc. for the Wailuku".

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The Administration was notified that the Maui Film Festival would not be occurring this year due to the retirement of the founder. The Maui Economic Development Board has been working with the County on promoting the film industry in the County and Brian Kohne is currently planning a Wailuku Film Festival. The film festival will focus on student, made in Hawai'i, and indigenous filmmakers and will be a series of monthly or bi-monthly events beginning in the summer of 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: Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff