

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

December 11, 2018

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on November 13, 2018, makes reference to County Communication 18-246, from Councilmember Riki Hokama, relating to amendments to the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2019 Budget to authorize transfers between categories of use that are within a program or department.

By correspondence dated November 1, 2018, the Budget Director transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to amend the FY 2019 Budget within the Department of Fire and Public Safety ("Department") by transferring funds from the Administration Program, Category B (Operations) to the following: Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category B (Operations), \$30,000; and Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category C (Equipment), \$220,000. The funds would be used for a compressed air bottle filling system for Molokai, nine self-contained breathing apparatuses ("SCBA"), a SCBA flow tester, relief engine fire-fighting equipment, and repairs to the Lahaina Fire Station ladder truck.

The proposed resolution references Section 9-10(2) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, which provides that, upon written request of the Mayor part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance may be transferred within a department by resolution or from one department to another by ordinance.

The proposed resolution references Section 7 of the General Budget Provisions in the FY 2019 Budget, which restricts disbursements for each

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program by category of use, with allocations specified for (a) salaries, premium pay, or reallocation pay (Category A); (b) operations or services (Category B); and (c) equipment (Category C).

Your Committee notes a performance audit of the Department was completed just prior to the FY 2019 Budget deliberations. Hence, the Council felt the Department did not have ample time to evaluate the audit report and propose a budget to implement recommendations of the audit. Therefore, the Council appropriated \$250,000 in the FY 2019 Budget under the Department's Administration Program, Category B (Operations) for the Department to address recommendations of the audit.

Your Committee further notes Recommendation 3 of the audit report states "the reserve firefighting units should be fully equipped for immediate use. The inventories should be brought back to normal at a one-time cost of \$135,000."

The Fire Chief said he thoroughly reviewed the audit report and will incorporate the recommendations in the Department's strategic plan. He said the proposed request addresses the immediate needs of the Department as identified in the audit report.

He said a compressed air bottle filling system for Molokai is critical. The Fire Chief noted the safety concerns of transporting the air bottles between Maui and Molokai, by boat, across the Molokai Channel. He said on occasion, the Department has used the State's Crash Rescue Facility's filling system to fill air bottles but noted the State's facility has had issues with the testing component of their system.

The Fire Chief said the SCBA flow tester would allow the Department to fulfill the regulatory requirement to flow test the SCBA. He said acquiring the equipment would save the Department time and money by testing the SCBA in-house. The Chief added the cost of the equipment includes a training component and certification of Department personnel.

He said the relief ladder truck from the Lahaina Fire Station is currently being used at the Wailea Fire Station while its tower truck is

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under repair. The Fire Chief said proper maintenance and repair of the ladder truck is necessary to maintain a reliable back-up fleet for the Department.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Hokama and members Atay, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, King, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair White and member Guzman were excused.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET," be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair

Resolution

No. _____

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED
APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 9-10(2) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), provides that, upon written request of the Mayor, part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance may be transferred within a department by resolution or from one department to another by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the General Budget Provisions in Ordinance No. 4861, Bill No. 57 (2018), as amended, (“Fiscal Year 2019 Budget”), states that, unless otherwise provided, appropriations for each program may be disbursed for the following categories of use: (a) salaries, premium pay, or reallocation pay, (b) operations or services, and (c) equipment; provided the disbursement is within the program and category of use for which it was appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.B.5. of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, relating to the Department of Fire and Public Safety, sets forth appropriations for the Administration Program and the Fire/Rescue Operations Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-10(2) of the Charter, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa has submitted a written request to transfer an unencumbered appropriation balance of \$30,000 from the Administration Program, Category B (operations), to the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category B (operations), and

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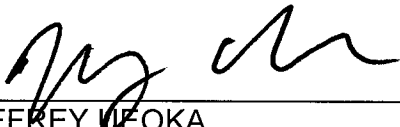
\$220,000 from the Administration Program, Category B (operations), to the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category C (equipment), in order to disburse \$30,000 for operations or services and \$220,000 for equipment purchases from the appropriate program and category; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That, pursuant to Section 9-10(2) of the Charter and Section 7 of the General Budget Provisions, and in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, it does hereby authorize the transfer of an unencumbered appropriation balance of \$30,000 from the Administration Program, Category B (operations), to the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category B (operations), and \$220,000 from the Administration Program, Category B (operations), to the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, Category C (equipment), in order to disburse \$30,000 for operations or services and \$220,000 for equipment; and

2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Director of Finance, Budget Director, and Fire Chief.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



JEFFREY LEOKA
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui