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February 8, 2024

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 2024 BUDGET (APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS, HUD EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS)

On behalf of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS, HUD EMERGENCY VOUCHERS."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget Appendix A, Part I, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, to increase the appropriation for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Housing Vouchers by \$1,200,000.

The Emergency Housing Voucher expenditures have increased from \$10,000 per month to \$125,000 per month. When the budget was created, it

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did not account for the rapid growth of the number of participants in the program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs has disbursed additional payments to the program and passage of this amendment will allow the Department to continue payments to landlords who house program participants. 76 Emergency Housing Vouchers have been issued to the County of Maui and 71 are currently being utilized.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 7212 or Lesley Milner at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

Maria Zielinski Budget Director

Attachments

cc: Lori Tsuhako, Director of Housing and Human Concerns