

# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

**Date:** March 18, 2026  
**From:** Gabe Johnson, Chair  
Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation  
Committee

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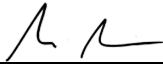
**Memo to:** DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Attention: Adrian Reifsnnyder, Esq.

**Subject:** OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ADEPT-1(2))

**Background Data:** Please research and share the disposition of funds and assets purchased with funds from the former Department of Housing and Human Concerns' (now Department of Human Concerns) County grant subsidy to Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (Fiscal Year 2023 – 2025 Budgets) in light of HARF's corporate dissolution. Please provide information on all grant funds disbursed to HARF and opine on whether the County could recover any of those funds or HARF assets. Please submit your response to [adept.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:adept.committee@mauicounty.us) with a reference to ADEPT-1(2).

**Work Requested:**  FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

OTHER: Grant research and legal opinion.

Requestor's signature  Gabe Johnson, Chair	Contact Person <u>Ellen McKinley or Megan Moniz</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7661 or 7145, respectively</u> )
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ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)       RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)  
 PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)       URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT NO.	BY:
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TO REQUESTOR:  APPROVED  DISAPPROVED  OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW)  
 RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE): \_\_\_\_\_  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

## ADEPT Committee

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**From:** ADEPT Committee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026 1:33 PM  
**To:** corpcounselrfls@co.maui.hi.us  
**Cc:** ADEPT Committee  
**Subject:** OCS - ADEPT - Operational and Budgetary Review of the Department of Agriculture (ADEPT-1(2))  
**Attachments:** 001(2)acc01.pdf

Please see attached RFLS.

Thank you,  
ADEPT Committee