

April 11, 2019

MEMO TO: Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Economic Development and Budget Committee

F R O M: Michael J. Molina  
Councilmember



SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET** (EDB-1)

May I respectfully request that you submit the below follow-up questions to responses from the various departments.

**LIQUOR-**

1. Budget Details, code 6201 and 6222, Liquor Control operations, Air Travel and Non-reportable per diem.
  - a. Please explain why travel and non-reportable per diem has doubled from FY 2018 to FY2019?
  - b. Please detail what purpose the air travel and non-reportable per diem is used?
  - c. Identify which staff and/or commissioners uses the air travel and non-reportable per diem funds?
  - d. Are these funds used for liquor control officers travel to Lanai or Molokai?
  - e. If so, please provide the annual amount of travel and non-reportable per diem funds are used for liquor control officers travel to Lanai and Molokai?
2. Why does page 9-4 of the Budget Details show a premium pay increase of \$30,000 (index code 913012A-5215) while page 347 of the Program Budget shows a premium pay increase of \$35,722? Please justify the 107.8% increase in premium pay.
3. The Liquor audit found that the Department's proposed reorganization would increase licensing staff unnecessarily. The audit recommends against the transfer of one LCO II from the Enforcement Division to the Licensing and Permits Section and against the reallocation of the Administrative Assistant II to Administrative Officer. Your February

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25, 2019 correspondence indicates that you intend to proceed with the reorganization notwithstanding the auditor's recommendation against it.

- a. Why is the Department not following the audit's recommendations against the proposed reorganization?
4. Given the 22 specific recommendations made to the Director in the Liquor audit, why hasn't the Key Activity Goals & Measures in the Program Budget been revised to reflect the auditor recommendations?

**MAYOR-**

At its meeting of April 11, 2019, the Council's EDB Committee discussed an appropriation for the removal of eucalyptus trees along Olinda Road. During the meeting the Council noted a budget amendment in FY 2018 from the Emergency Fund of \$500,000 for the removal of trees along Piiholo Road that posed an imminent danger of death, injury, and property damage to residents and visitors. Accordingly, an emergency declaration was issued for the danger posed by the trees along Piiholo Road.

At a community meeting in Kula residents noted similar concerns of imminent danger and property damage by eucalyptus trees along Olinda Road.

1. May I respectfully request your consideration of the issuance of an emergency declaration along Olinda Road because of the existence of imminent danger and the threat of an emergency or disaster because of the imminent falling of trees?
2. Additionally, may I request your consideration of discussions with private partners that may be willing to participate in the removal of these trees.