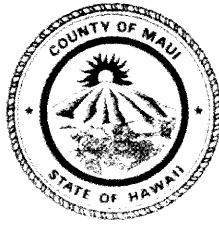


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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Chair, Economic Development and Budget Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
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Re: Proposal to Reduce the Department of Liquor Control Airfare and Per Diem by \$50,000 (70%) and limiting travel expenses to the training of Liquor Control Enforcement Officers only by Council Member Mike Molina

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Members,

Council Member Mike Molina, at the Economic Development and Budget Committee hearing on February 18, 2019, proposed to reduce the Liquor Commission's budget for Airfare and non-reportable Per Diem by Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and limiting travel expenses to the training of Liquor Control Enforcement Officers only.

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The proposed 70% (\$71,590-\$50,000 = \$21,590) reduction and proviso for limiting travel expenses to the training of Liquor Control Enforcement Officers only will severely impact and cripple the Department's ability to carry out its mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public and to provide a safe and healthy environment for the people of Maui County. This proposal severely limits and/or eliminates its core operations, as well as, education and training programs.

Attached for your information and review are the Department's core operations and education and training programs which the reduction and proviso will greatly impact. Please be informed that Operations expenditures need to take precedent over education and training.

In regards to Council Member Molina's concerns regarding education and training opportunities for Liquor Control Officers in Enforcement only:

The Department has Liquor Control Officers in both the Enforcement and Administrative Services Divisions. The Department is also comprised of other staff members that are not Liquor Control Officers.

All staff, to include Liquor Control Officers in both the Enforcement and Administrative Services Divisions and non-Liquor Control Officers are afforded the same education and training opportunities. This provides a fair and equitable working environment. Limiting travel expenses to the training of Liquor Control Enforcement Officers only will eliminate the level playing field that should be afforded to all employees of the Department.

Liquor Control Officers are offered and have taken the training and educational classes offered to all employees by the County and have also attended other training and education opportunities that arise throughout the year.

Each Division has always been instructed to submit their wish list for additional education, training, vehicles, equipment, etc. by September of each year so it may be considered in the preparation of the yearly budget. The Enforcement Division Liquor Control Officer IV has not submitted any request in the past three cycles for any additional training or educational opportunities to be included in the budget while the Administrative Services Division Liquor Control Officers have requested and was budgeted to attend the Public Agency Training Council.

In addition, reducing and limiting travel expenses to the training of Liquor Control Enforcement Officers only will also eliminate travel for the Liquor Commission and Liquor Control Adjudication Board members to carry out and fulfil their duties and responsibilities as set forth in Hawaii Revised Statutes, County Charter, and Rules of the Liquor Commission.

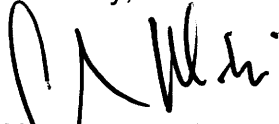
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In closing, the Department is tasked with regulating an industry that produced over \$406 million dollars, in Maui County alone, in gross liquor sales in Fiscal Year 2018, and the numbers grows each year. As proposed in the Mayor's budget, the Department's budget is -0.3% overall. The proposed operations budget of \$441,544 is only .001% of the industry the Department is tasked with regulating on three different islands.

Also, because the Department is solely funded by liquor license fees, any reduction will not benefit another County Department. A reduction will only take away from the needs of the licensees and the community we serve.

Mahalo for your consideration and continued support in meeting our responsibilities as set forth in Hawaii Revised Statutes, County Charter and Rules of the Liquor Commission in helping to provide a safe and healthy environment for the people of Maui County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Mukai', written over the printed name below.

Glenn Mukai, Director
Department of Liquor Control

Attachment

Airfare/Transportation

OPERATIONS

Molokai Commissioner 12 meetings and 3 special meeting

Lanai Commissioner 12 meetings and 3 special meeting

Molokai Adjudication Board member 12 hearings

Lanai Adjudication Board member 12 hearings

Maui Commissioners 3 meeting/site inspection/public hearing MKK/LNY
8 commissioners, Director, 2 Liquor Control Officers, Court Reporter, Deputy Corporation Counsel,
Secretary to Boards and Commission (14)

State Legislature 3 trips
Director or Deputy Director

Quarterly Liquor Administrators meeting 4 trips
Director or Deputy Director

Monthly trip to Molokai for inspection/investigation
2 Enforcement Liquor Control Officers

Monthly trip to Lanai for inspection/investigation
2 Enforcement Liquor Control Officers

Quarterly education and certification training MKK/LNY
1 Licensing/Permits/Education Liquor Control Officer and 1 Account Clerk

Inspection and Investigation re: license, permits, final inspections, education MKK/LNY
1 LCO Licensing/ Permit/Education Liquor Control Officer 4 Trips – 2 MKK/2 LNY

State of Hawaii Noise and Radiation Division – 3 employees, 3 trips for required training on new noise
level meters for Enforcement Liquor Control Officers

Minor Decoy Operations - MKK/LNY
Minor, 2 Police Officers and 2 Enforcement Liquor Control Officers 4 trips - 2MKK and 2 LNY

Education and Training

Annual State Investigators Workshop Oahu 6 Liquor Control Officers

Public Agency Training Council 1 Liquor Control Officer

Specialize Training – in State – Liquor Control Officer 4 trips

Annual State Conference of Liquor Administrator, Oahu 9 Commissioners, 9 Board members, Director,
Deputy Corporation Counsel, Deputy Prosecutor, Liquor Control Officer IV and 1 staff members

NABCA Legal Symposium Deputy Corp Counsel and Deputy Prosecutor

Annual National Conference of State Liquor Administrators
Commission Chair, Board Chair, Director or Deputy Director, Deputy Prosecutor, Deputy Corporation
Counsel

Annual National Beverage Control Association Conference
Commission Chair, Board Chair, Director or Deputy Director, Deputy Prosecutor, Deputy Corporation
Counsel

Annual National Liquor Law Enforcement Conference
Commission Chair, Board Chair, Director or Deputy Director, Deputy Prosecutor, Deputy Corporation
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Western Regional National Conference of State Liquor Administrators
Commission Chair and Vice Chair, Director or Deputy Director, Deputy Corporation Counsel and Deputy
Prosecutor