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March 10, 2026

Ms. Lesley Milner, Budget Director  
Office of the Mayor  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Milner:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (BD-02)

The Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee will begin formal deliberations on the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. As outlined in the Budget session calendar, departments are scheduled to appear before the Committee through April 17, 2026.

To support an efficient review process, departments are respectfully asked to focus their presentations on budget justifications, rather than providing broad operational overviews. Councilmembers will rely on, among other things, the Program Budget and Budget Details, variance reports, and departmental responses to questions the Committee already provided in advance of the meetings.

May I please request that you be prepared to address the following areas, as applicable:

1. Significant increases, reductions, or other changes in funding compared to the current FY;
2. New or discontinued positions, programs, or services, and the rationale for those adjustments;
3. Changes in grant funding, including any potential risks due to changes in the Federal Administration;

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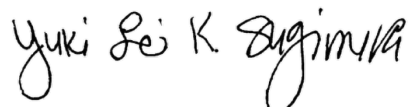
4. Activity and adjustments in special or revolving funds;
5. Capital Improvement Projects, with an emphasis on the status of FY 2025 projects and readiness to proceed with proposed FY 2026 projects; and
6. Proposed changes to rates, fees, or assessments, including supporting data, fiscal impact, and service implications.

Departments are encouraged to use their time to directly connect Budget requests to program outcomes, operational needs, and community impact.

To further streamline the process, departments are not expected to prepare PowerPoint presentations, unless otherwise requested. Councilmembers will have reviewed the written materials in advance and eliminating presentations will allow more time for direct discussion.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7661, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic  
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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

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