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September 29, 2025

Ms. Lori Tsuhako, Director  
Department of Human Concerns  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW ON THE COMMUNITY NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT SURVEY 2025 (WASSP-1(13))**

At its meeting of September 22, 2025, the Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee discussed the "Community Needs Assessment Survey 2025," dated May 2025, prepared by Anthology Marketing Group, Inc.

May I please request your response to the following:

1. Please explain the shift in the Department's priorities over the years regarding:
  - Senior services and related programs.
  - Building of infrastructure that support housing for those experiencing homelessness.
2. Although Mental Health Kokua is listed in the Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, please confirm whether the organization is a current County grantee.

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3. Please provide a list of organizations that provide post high school services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For each organization, please include:
  - Capacity of clients that can be served
  - Cost per client
  - Types of programs and activities
  - Availability of transportation
4. Please provide the current number of Department vacancies, including position titles, per program.

May I further request you transmit your response to [wassp.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:wassp.committee@mauicounty.us) by **October 13, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Tiare del Castillo at ext. 7140, or Criselda Paranada at ext. 7668).

Sincerely,



SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair  
Water Authority, Social Services, and  
Parks Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

## WASSP Committee

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**From:** WASSP Committee  
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**Cc:** WASSP Committee; Jessica C. Crouse; kimberly.ferguson@co.maui.hi.us; Vanessa Joy B. Domingo; Michelle L. Santos; 'Zeke Kalua'  
**Subject:** please read; reply by 10/13/202, attached letter re: OVERVIEW ON THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY 2025 (WASSP-1(13)). . .  
**Attachments:** 001(13)ahc01 Signed.pdf

**Ms. Tzuhako:** Please refer to the attached letter from WASSP Committee Chair Sinenci dated September 29, 2025.

**Please respond by October 13, 2025.**

**Mayor's Office:** Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.