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March 12, 2026

Mr. Andrew Martin, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Martin:

SUBJECT: CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE
(WASSP-1(17))

At its meeting of March 9, 2026, the Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee received a presentation on Aloha House, Inc.'s Residential Rehabilitation Program. There are growing concerns that the medically-monitored detox services and residential treatment they provide may be impacted by recent Federal cuts.

May I please request the following:

1. Is the State Department of Health's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division responsible for holding the County's share of the opioid settlement funds? If no, which entity is responsible?
2. Does the Council have the authority to place conditions on the use of these funds, specifically for substance abuse treatment facilities like Aloha House, Inc.?
3. Will the County's share of opioid settlement funds be distributed through a grant program? If no, is the Department aware of what other means the funds may get distributed?

May I further request you transmit your response to wassp.committee@mauicounty.us by **March 27, 2026**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Criselda Paranada at ext. 7668).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane M. Sinenci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

WASSP Committee

From: WASSP Committee
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 1:58 PM
To: Andrew Martin
Cc: Shelly DeMattos; Glen Duran; Michelle L. Santos; 'Zeke Kalua'; WASSP Committee
Subject: Continuum of Care for Substance Abuse (WASSP-1(17))
Attachments: 001(17)apa01 Signed.pdf

Mr. Martin: Please refer to the attached letter from WASSP Committee Chair Sinenci, dated March 12, 2026. **Please respond by March 27, 2026.**

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