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April 9, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Milner:

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BFED-1) (BD-13)

Thank you for participating in the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting of April 1, 2026. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions below.

May I further request that you transmit your response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2026**.

1. How were fees for County-operated EV charging stations determined? (Page 3, Appendix B)
  - a. Did the Administration consider fees in comparable counties? If yes, which counties? (TP) (KB)
  - b. Was Hawaiian Electric Company consulted when setting the fees? If yes, please include the reasoning they provided. (TP)
  - c. Does the County own any fast speed chargers? If yes, where are they located? (KB)
  - d. Did the County consider implementing an idle fee to encourage drivers to move their vehicles once fully charged? If no, is the reason because the County's EV stations are unable to assess such a fee? Please explain. (KB)

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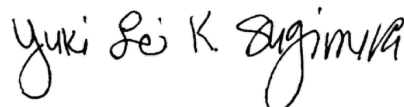
2. Please explain what the plan is for the Diamond Parking Services' lots in the Lahaina burn zone. What is the status of the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, Department of Transportation, and Park Maui's efforts to reinstate paid parking at those lots? (TP)
3. Beyond the County's debt limit, what factors are considered when deciding whether a project should be financed through bonds or paid for with cash? (KB)

May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee Members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic  
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

## **BFED Committee**

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**From:** BFED Committee  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 7:45 AM  
**To:** 'Lesley Milner'  
**Cc:** 'Kristina Cabbat'; 'Tiare P. Horner'; 'Shirley Blackburn'; 'Janina Agapay'; 'Michelle Santos'; 'Zeke Kalua'  
**Subject:** PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (BD-13)  
**Attachments:** (BD-13) Correspondence to Budget Director 04-09-2026.pdf  
**Importance:** High

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
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April 15, 2026

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

  
Mayor 4/15/26  
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
and Members of the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (BD-13)**

Pursuant to your correspondence dated April 9, 2026, below are the responses to the following:

1. How were fees for County-operated EV charging stations determined?  
(Page 3, Appendix B)

*Response: The Maui Nui EV Association recommended the County use Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) set rates.*

a. Did the Administration consider fees in comparable counties? If yes, which counties?

*Response: No.*

b. Was Hawaiian Electric Company consulted when setting the fees? If yes, please include the reasoning they provided.

*Response: The rates proposed are HECO's set rates. HECO was not consulted on the use of the rates.*

- c. Does the County own any fast speed chargers? If yes, where are they located?

*Response: No.*

- d. Did the County consider implementing an idle fee to encourage drivers to move their vehicles once fully charged? If no, is the reason because the County's EV stations are unable to assess such a fee?

*Response: The March 31, 2025 Hawaiian Electric Companies Electrification of Transportation Strategic Roadmap Consolidated Annual EOT Report stated that the Company is interested in implementing idle fees and plans to introduce them as a proposed revision in the future. As they are not currently included in HECO's set rates, they were not included in the proposed rates and fees for FY 2027.*

*The EVolution charge management system has an option in the rate profile that will initiate a "parking fee" when the charge session has completed. This is a configurable setting for the fee and when it's initiated (from beginning, or end of charge session.). There is also an option to configure a post-session grace period so users do not start the parking fee immediately, which allows the user time to retrieve their vehicle.*

2. Please explain what the plan is for the Diamond Parking Services' lots in the Lahaina burn zone. What is the status of the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, Department of Transportation, and Park Maui's efforts to reinstate paid parking at those lots?

*Response: In coordination with the Office of Recovery (OOR), the Department of Transportation's PARK MAUI program has been supporting the phased reopening of Lahaina Harbor since late 2025. The current strategy focuses on restoring safe public access and supporting economic recovery rather than the immediate reintroduction of paid commercial parking.*

*Currently, three parking lots previously managed by Diamond Parking are being utilized under a temporary, community-focused framework:*

- 500 Front Street & 116 Prison Street Lots: These lots are open to the public daily from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. To ensure equitable access and turnover for harbor users and local employees, a 3-hour time limit is enforced, but parking remains free of charge.*
- 750 Luakini Street Lot: This lot is being managed separately as a permit-only facility. The Department has prioritized this space for wildfire-*

*impacted families living in the immediate area and for essential recovery personnel.*

*This structure allows the Department to manage high-demand harbor access while remaining sensitive to the needs of the community during this stage of the recovery process.*

*The Department of Transportation is working in close consultation with the Department of Ōiwi Resources and the Office of Recovery to ensure that any future parking management aligns with the cultural and economic needs of the Lahaina community. There is currently no immediate timeline for reinstating paid parking at these lots.*

*Paid parking, consistent with Maui County Code Chapter 10.77, will be reintroduced only when recovery milestones support it. Specifically, as more businesses become operational and the demand for managed parking increases to support local commerce. The Department of Transportation is taking a data-driven and community-informed approach, ensuring that any implementation of PARK MAUI services supports the broader goal of Lahaina's economic recovery without creating an undue burden on residents or fire-impacted families.*

3. Beyond the County's debt limit, what factors are considered when decided whether a project should be financed through bonds or paid for with cash?

*Response: General Obligation bonds should be used to finance projects resulting in County owned fixed assets or improvements to an existing County fixed asset. Factors that are considered when deciding whether a project should be financed through bonds or paid for with cash are length of useful life, eligibility, borrowing costs, and total cost of the project. When a capital project's useful life exceeds the borrowing period, bond financing allows the County to charge both current and future residents for use. The project must be eligible for bond funding which includes criteria such as being placed in service within 3 years of the bond issuance, recommended by bond counsel, and have a public purpose. For special funds, total debt service limits as compared to annual expenditures are considered as well.*

*In addition to debt limit considerations, it is important to remain cognizant that bonding capital projects increases the Countywide principal and interest thereby increasing the total County budget. Likewise, it reduces the County's liquidity and cash-flow ability to address unanticipated expenses. Rating agency perception is also critical. Specifically, if rating agencies see that the County is increasing its reliance on bonded debt for more of its CIP projects, it will raise their concern relative to lower liquidity and increasing debt service. [Notwithstanding the Council's concern regarding higher carryover saving levels the rating agencies have an expectation that the*

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*County will continue to enjoy similar carryover savings which translates to increased unrestricted fund balances.] In addition, the rating agencies take into consideration changes in (1) the unrestricted fund balance from the prior year, (2) debt service, and (3) liquidity when making rating determinations along with factors such as economic conditions and future outlook. Over the last several years, the County has maintained a healthy unrestricted fund balance which ultimately [results in] contributes to the County's strong AA+ rating.*

Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,



LESLEY MILNER  
Budget Director

## BFED Committee

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**From:** Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:58 AM  
**To:** BFED Committee; Lesley J. Milner  
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**Subject:** RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (BD-13)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-1) (BD-13).pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached correspondence.

Mahalo,

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Budget Specialist  
Phone: 808.270.7517

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**From:** BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 07:45  
**To:** Lesley J. Milner <Lesley.J.Milner@co.maui.hi.us>  
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