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REFERENCE NO. **BD-BA 26-18**

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen 8-28-25
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET
(ESTIMATED REVENUES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND
APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
MAKAWAO-PUKALANI-KULA COMMUNITY PLAN AREA,
KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK)**

On behalf of the Department of Agriculture, I am transmitting the following:

1. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES, BOND/LAPSED BOND BY \$5,862,123, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MAKAWAO-PUKALANI-KULA COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MAKAWAO-PUKALANI-KULA COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, NEW APPROPRIATION FOR KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK OF \$5,862,123."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget to 1) increase Estimated Revenues, Bond/Lapsed Bond by \$5,862,123; 2) amend Capital Improvement Projects at add an appropriation for Department of Agriculture, Makawao-Kula-Pukalani Community Area, Kula Agricultural Park Phase 1 Expansion – Upcountry Maui Ag Park in the amount of \$5,862,123; 3) increase the Total Capital Improvement Project Appropriations and Total Appropriations by the same amount; and 4) add a new Project and project description to Appendix C for the Department of Agriculture, Makawao-Pukalani-Kula Community Plan Area, Kula Agricultural Park Phase 1 Expansion – Upcountry Maui Ag Park in the amount of \$5,862,123.

2. A proposed bill entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5818 (2025), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE).”

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Ordinance No. 5818, Bill No. 43, CD1 (2025), to add a new appropriation for the Department of Agriculture, Makawao-Pukalani-Kula Community Plan Area for Kula Agricultural Park Phase I Expansion – Upcountry Ag Park, in the amount of \$5,862,123, and to increase the total by the same amount.

In FY 2024, the State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture appropriated \$10,000,000 to the County of Maui for the Kula Agriculture Park expansion. One of the requirements of this award was \$10,000,000 in matching County funds which was also appropriated in the budget under Capital Improvement Projects, Department of Agriculture, Bond Fund. By December 2024, the Department encumbered \$4,137,877 of the Departmental appropriation. At that time, the Department was engaged in discussions with the State on how to receive the funding that was appropriated in the State Budget. The State funds are now ready for disbursement, and this amendment would appropriate the remainder of the required County matching funds for the Kula Agricultural Park expansion

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

Sincerely,



LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachments

cc: Rogerene Arce, Director of Agriculture