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April 11, 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-16)

Thank you for participating in the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meetings for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions below.

May I further request that you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **4:30 p.m. on April 17, 2026**.

1. The Board of Ethics opined, at its April 8, 2026, meeting, that a conflict of interest exists for County employees and officers to serve on boards that receive County funding through budget line items. Please provide a copy of the opinion. (YLS)
2. Please clarify if the Fireworks Auditor Fund (Chapter 3.95, Maui County Code) can be consolidated with the Fire Hazard Removal Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.68, Maui County Code). Please explain why or why not. (TP)

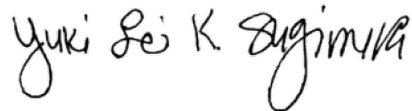
May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee Members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 6:25 PM
To: 'Lesley Milner'
Cc: 'Kristina Cabbat'; 'Tiare P. Horner'; 'Shirley Blackburn'; 'Janina Agapay'; 'Zeke Kalua'
Subject: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (BD-16)
Attachments: 260409abd02 (BD-16).pdf
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April 13, 2026

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 4-13-26

Mayor 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-16)**

Pursuant to your correspondence dated April 11, 2026, below are the responses to the following:

1. The Board of Ethics opined, at its April 8, 2026, meeting, that a conflict of interest exists for County employees and officers to serve on boards that receive County funding through budget line items. Please provide a copy of the opinion.

Response: A formal opinion is not available at this time. Further discussion on the matter is agendized for a May 13, 2026 meeting after which, implementation and potential changes will be brought forward.

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2. Please clarify if the Fireworks Audit Fund (Chapter 3.95, Maui County Code) can be consolidated with the Fire Hazard Removal Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.68, Maui County Code). Please explain why or why not.

Response: No, the Fireworks Auditor Fund cannot be consolidated with the Fire Hazard Removal Revolving Fund. HRS 132D-11 states that "The license fees shall be used solely by each county fire department to pay for the salary of an auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records and all expenses incurred to fulfill the duties required, including the inspection of inventory and storage facilities, maintenance of required records, and the training of the auditor." Because of this, these funds need to be maintained separately.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lesley Milner".

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 1:15 PM
To: BFED Committee; Lesley J. Milner
Cc: Kristina Angeline C. Cabbat; Shirley Blackburn; Janina E. Agapay; Ezekiel I. Kalua
Subject: RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (BD-16)
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Aloha,

Please see attached correspondence.

Mahalo,

Tiare P. Horner
Budget Specialist
Phone: 808.270.7517

From: BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>
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