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August 4, 2025

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen 8-4-25
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 (APPENDIX B, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, WATER FUND, PRESERVATION/RESTORATION RATE)**

On behalf of the Department of Water Supply, I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX B, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, WATER FUND, PRESERVATION RATE/RESTORATION RATE."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Appendix B, Revenues – Fees, Rates, Assessments and Taxes, Department of Water Supply, Water Fund, to add a new category "Preservation/Restoration Rate," following Non-dwelling Agricultural Rate. The effective date would be retroactive to July 1, 2025.

On May 15, 2025, the Board of Water Supply voted to support the Department of Water Supply's Fiscal Year 2026 proposed rate for

Preservation/Restoration to be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

The Water and Infrastructure Committee met on June 4 and June 30, 2025 to consider a bill authorizing new water rates for preservation and restoration of native species habitats. The Committee recommended passage of Bill 56, CD1 (2025) with an effective date of July 1, 2025. The bill passed first reading at the July 25, 2025 Council meeting.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

LESLEY MILNER
Budget Director

Attachment

cc: John Stufflebean, Director of Water Supply