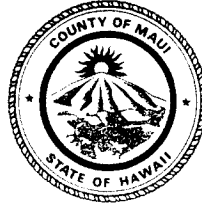


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COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui
April 13, 2017

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal to:

Handwritten signature of Alan M. Arakawa, dated 4/13/17.

Honorable Riki Hokama
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2018 BUDGET (PR-3) (BF-1)

Pursuant to your letter dated April 6, 2017, I am transmitting a response to the following question:

9. Explain the appropriation of \$200,000 for "funding to assist the golfing community..." as proposed (index 915017B, sub-object 6112 on page 12-10 of the Budget Details).

Response: Should the County cease operating the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course, Mayor Arakawa proposed the appropriation of \$200,000 to help offset a portion of the greens fees incurred by senior citizens and junior golfers at other golf courses on Maui. We anticipate providing a grant subsidy to a non-profit that will administer this program. We believe establishing a maximum subsidy, per golfer, per month, would allow these funds to be fairly distributed and disbursed. The mayor also expressed interest in working collaboratively with golf courses throughout the county to offer discount programs for senior citizens and students in junior golf programs. Such discount programs offered by other golf courses could likely be an opportunity for them to drum up additional business and revenue, as well as hopefully increase the declining popularity of golf among keiki and adults alike. We would also like to share that, based on the results of the budget simulator, as of April 4th, 67% of the respondents recommended decreased spending or privatizing/closing the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7212.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lynn Araki-Regan.

LYNN ARAKI-REGAN
Budget Director

xc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa
Ka'ala Buenconsejo, Director of Parks and Recreation