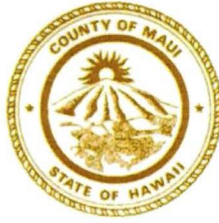


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*Michael P Victorino* 4/28/20  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez  
Chair, Economic Development and Budget Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

RE: Revision to reduce Department of Liquor Control Budget by \$431,358 or 12%

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

At the Economic Development and Budget Committee hearing on April 21, 2020, the Council has reduced the Department of Liquor Control proposed FY 2021 budget by \$431,358 or 12%.

The 38% reduction in travel or \$22,666 is on top of an already previously reduced and limited budget. This reduction will severely impact and cripple the Department's ability to carry out its mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public and to provide a safe and healthy environment for the people of Maui County. This reduction severely limits and/or eliminates its core operations, as well as, education and training programs.

These funds are utilized for the Liquor Commission and Liquor Control Adjudication Board members, from Molokai and Lanai, to attend their monthly and special meetings and

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hearings; travel for Commission members, staff, court reporter and Corporation Counsel for public hearings that are held on Molokai and Lanai; travel for inspections and investigations, on Molokai and Lanai, by Liquor Control Officers in both the Administrative and Enforcement Divisions; travel for education and training for Department staff, members of the Liquor Commission and Liquor Control Adjudication Board, Deputy Prosecutor and Deputy Corporation Counsel; travel for State Legislature and liquor administrator's meetings.

The Department requests you reconsider leaving the continuation budget (which was cut last year) of 6201 Airfare at 27,000 and 6222 per diem at 23,000 and reduce travel only by the expansion request of \$10,000.

The Department also requests you reconsider leaving the expansion request of \$50,000 for office furniture. These funds are to be utilized in obtaining workstations for Liquor Control Officers in both the Administrative and Enforcement Divisions should the Department move into the New Service Center.

Reinstating these funds will still result in the Department's Budget being reduced by \$358,692 or 10%.

In closing, the Department is tasked with regulating an industry that produced over \$407 million dollars, in Maui County alone, in gross liquor sales in Fiscal Year 2019, and the number grows each year. The proposed operations budget of \$446,954 is only .001% of the industry the Department is tasked with regulating on three different islands.

Also, because the Department is solely funded by liquor license fees, any reduction will not benefit another County Department. A reduction will only take away from the needs of the licensees and the community we serve.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support in meeting our responsibilities as set forth in Hawaii Revised Statutes, County Charter, and Rules of the Liquor Commission in helping to provide a safe and healthy environment for the people of Maui County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georgette Tyau', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Georgette Tyau, Deputy Director  
Department of Liquor Control

## EDB Committee

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**From:** Shirley Blackburn <Shirley.Blackburn@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Cc:** Shirley Blackburn; Wendy Nathan  
**Subject:** FY 2021 Budget - Revision LC - EDB-1  
**Attachments:** Shirley Blackburn.vcf; Revision to LC\_EDB-1.pdf

Aloha Committee Chair Rawlins- Fernandez,

Attached please find response from the Department of Liquor Control, Deputy Director, Georgette Tyau.

Mahalo,

**Shirley L. Blackburn**

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