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Mr. Michael Formby, Managing Director
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SUBJECT: **BUDGET COMMUNICATION NO. 8**
Request for Additional Information Relating to the Solid Waste Special Fund

Dear Mr. Formby:

The Detailed Statement of Revenues and Surplus section of the Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Program and Budget, Volume 1 – Operating Program and Budget provides insufficient detail for the Council to balance the Solid Waste Special Fund by account. Section 6-49.3(b), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (Ordinance 21-18), provides that "any and all payments required for the refuse division (other than those required by the glass incentive account) shall be made from the Honolulu solid waste disposal facility account, the recycling account, or the general operating account." However, Departmental Communication 820 (2021) states that waste-to-energy programs comparable to H-POWER maintain, by policy, "at least 10% of their operating budget in reserves."

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting the submittal of a Detailed Statement of Revenues and Surplus for each of the four accounts within the Solid Waste Special Fund. I am also requesting a breakout of the Solid Waste Special Fund appropriation requests by account for the Executive Operating and Executive Capital budgets, including the Transfers to Other Funds program within the Executive Operating budget. For your reference as to the content and format of the requested information, please see Departmental Communication 199 (2025).

Please provide all information requested by no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to these requests.

Sincerely,

VAL AQUINO OKIMOTO, Chair
Committee on Budget

cc: Department of Budget and Fiscal Services