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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. 23-08

TO: All Department Heads

SUBJECT: Amendment to Executive Memorandum No. 23-05, FY 24 Budget
Execution Policies and Instructions – Revised Allocations Only
(2023 Wildfires)

The State is in the midst of ongoing response efforts to address the heartbreaking aftermath of the August 8, 2023, wildfires in Hawai'i and Maui Counties, which caused extensive loss of life and damage to Lahaina. In the two months that have passed, it has become evident that the State's resource requirements will be substantial, even with federal support.

This will require continued flexibility and adaptability, including in the planning and execution of the State's budget, as the State is fully committed to support recovery efforts. Executive Memorandum (E.M.) No. 23-05, FY 24 Budget Execution Policies and Instructions, provided full-year allocations for general fund and other than general fund programs. However, there is currently a need for additional funding to support the State's response to the worst natural disaster in its history.

As such, the FY 24 general funded operating appropriations designated for specific purposes and capital improvement program (CIP) projects from Act 164, SLH 2023, that had not yet been allocated by E.M. No. 23-05 were assessed. As a result, pursuant to my Seventh Emergency Proclamation Relating to Wildfires, dated September 8, 2023, I have authorized the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) to transfer selected appropriations (see attachment to Exhibit 1) to B&F for the State's response to the 2023 Wildfires, which will include a disbursement to the Department of Defense's (DOD) Major Disaster Fund (MDF).

I recognize that these appropriations may be significant to your programs but ask for your utmost understanding and support of these efforts. Further, reappropriation of the CIP project appropriations may be considered for the FY 25 Supplemental Budget using

general obligation bond funds in, more appropriately, the CIP Budget. Thus, while the identified CIP projects may be slightly delayed, they could be provided another year for implementation if reappropriated. As FY 25 Supplemental Budget Requests should have already been submitted, please work with your B&F analyst regarding possible reappropriation of CIP project operating appropriations that have been identified for transfer.

The transfers will effectively reduce the general fund appropriation amounts from Act 164, SLH 2023, for the respective programs. As such, revised FY 24 operating budget allocations (Exhibit 1), which reflect the appropriation transfers to B&F, are attached for all affected departments.

B&F will transmit copies of the completed Journal Vouchers to the affected departments; subsequently, the affected departments shall each submit Requests for Allotment (Form A-19) to B&F to reflect the appropriation transfers to B&F's general fund sub-account (G-24-383-O) and the resulting reduced appropriation amounts. (B&F and DOD will need to submit Requests for Allotment (Form A-19) to reflect the appropriation transfers and increased appropriation amounts). No changes to quarterly allotment amounts are necessary, as the identified appropriations had not been allotted.

As we navigate these uncharted waters, bear in mind that the recovery process will be long and costly. The economic impact of the wildfires adds a level of uncertainty to the continued assessment of the State's resource requirements for recovery efforts against its available resources that could also impact funding for other programs.

Hence, departments must continue to be prudent with their expenditures. B&F will continue to work with departments as other costs become evident and resources need to be identified.

Your attention and understanding in this matter are appreciated.

Mahalo,

/s/

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Governor, State of Hawai'i

Revised Exhibit 1 (Departments of Accounting and General Services; Agriculture; Budget and Finance; Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Defense; Education; Human Resources Development; Human Services; and Land and Natural Resources; and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and University of Hawai'i