

**HAWAII UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT REQUEST**

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**By Electronic Mail:** [corpoun@mauicounty.gov](mailto:corpoun@mauicounty.gov)

**Re:** Certain agreements

Dear Ms. Thomson:

On behalf of the public policy group Energy Policy Advocates (EPA), recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit public policy institute under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and pursuant to the Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92F-1, *et seq.*, please provide copies of any common interest agreement, contingency fee or other fee agreement, and/or retainer, representation and/or engagement agreements, entered into by the County of Maui with, or otherwise including as a party, Sher Edling, LLP at any time in 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021.

We understand that in some instances a public body may charge a fee for the cost of the search, examination, review, copying, separation of confidential from nonconfidential information, and mailing costs. If your Office expects to seek a charge associated with the searching, copying or production of these records, please provide an estimate of anticipated costs.

As noted earlier in this request, EPA is a non-profit public policy organization dedicated to informing the public of developments in the area of energy and environmental issues and relationships between governmental and non-governmental entities as they relate to those issues.

EPA's ability to obtain fee waivers is essential to this work. EPA intends to use any responsive information to continue its work highlighting the nexus between interested non-governmental entities and government agency decision-making. The public is both interested in and entitled to know how regulatory, policy and enforcement decisions are reached. EPA ensures the public is made aware of its work and findings via media, its website [epadvocates.org](http://epadvocates.org), its partnership with the non-profit public interest law firm Government Accountability & Oversight, P.C., and its counsel GAO's [ClimateLitigationWatch.org](http://ClimateLitigationWatch.org) project dedicated to broadly disseminating energy and environmental policy news and developments. The public information obtained by EPA have been relied upon by established media outlets, including the Washington Times and Wall Street Journal editorial page.<sup>1</sup>

We look forward to your response. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at [ncornettlaw@gmail.com](mailto:ncornettlaw@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., See also, EPA In the News at <http://epadvocates.org/news/>.