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The Honorable Mike White
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
HAWAII** (PAF 18-235)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Riki Hokama in cursive.

RIKI HOKAMA
Councilmember

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Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-396

Resolution

No. _____

SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii ("Constitution"), the ballot question "Shall there be a convention to propose a revision of or amendments to the Constitution?" will appear on the next general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, if nine years go by without the question of having a Constitutional Convention ("ConCon") appearing on a ballot, the question must be placed on the ballot at the next general election; and

WHEREAS, the last ConCon was held forty years ago in 1978; and

WHEREAS, there have been substantial changes since 1978, many of which have been brought about by advances in technology; and

WHEREAS, the state-county balance has dramatically changed since 1978, especially with regards to real property taxes and transient accommodations taxes; and

WHEREAS, since the last ConCon, the Legislature has used its authority to propose a total of 65 constitutional amendments, of which 52 have been ratified by the electorate; and

WHEREAS, although there has been numerous amendments to the Constitution, there has been no comprehensive review of the Constitution since 1978; and

WHEREAS, a constitutional convention gives the public an opportunity to thoroughly examine and review fundamental government structures, processes, and authority, including the implementation of constitutional amendments made in 1978, and lays the foundation for future governance; and

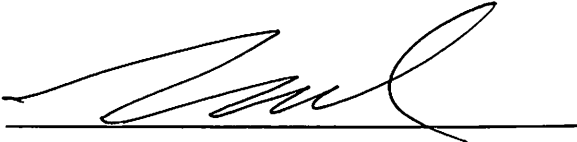
WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution states "All political power of this State is inherent in the people and the responsibility for the exercise thereof rests with the people. All government is founded on this authority"; now, therefore,

Resolution No. _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the Council supports a comprehensive review of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii; and
2. That copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; Honorable Doug Chin, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaii; Honorable Ronald Kouchi, Senate President, State Legislature; Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker of the House, State Legislature; Maui County's Delegation to the Hawaii State Legislature; Honorable Alan Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; Honorable Kirk Caldwell, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu; Honorable Bernard Carvalho, Mayor, County of Kauai; Honorable Harry Kim, Mayor, County of Hawaii; Ernest Martin, Chair, Honolulu City Council; Valerie Poindexter, Chair, Hawaii County Council; and Mel Rapozo, Chair, Kauai County Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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