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Aloha e Chair Molina and Vice Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,

Attached is a letter of support from Senator J. Kalani English for Mr. William Spence for the position of Director of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Mahalo!

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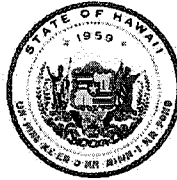
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January 28, 2019

The Honorable Kelly T. King, Chair
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

The Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair
Governance, Ethics, and Transportation Committee
200 South High Street
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Re: Letter of Support for Mr. William Spence

Aloha Council Chair King, Committee Chair Molina, and Members of the Maui County Council,

Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. William Spence as the Director of Housing and Human Concerns. I have known Will since I was a council member in the 1990s and know him to be caring of all of Maui's communities and citizens.

Affordable housing is one of our front-line needs in Hawaii, it touches the lives of the majority of our residents. The rules and regulation that affect our ability to provide housing are very complex and knowledge of these regulations is crucial to the ability of the county to provide housing. Will's long experience as a professional planner gives him qualifications that no other housing director has ever had. He will fill a decisive need within the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. His compassion for our vulnerable residents makes him a great proponent for our social services. I'm confident that he will be very effective in this role.

I urge this committee and the Maui County Council to confirm Mr. William Spence for the position of Director of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

With Warm Regards,

Senator J. Kalani English
Majority Leader
Hawaii State Senate – District 7
Hāna, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and Kaho'olawe