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Council of the County of Maui
Policy and Economic Development and
Agriculture Committee
Council Chamber
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor
200 South High St.
Wailuku, Hawaii

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Place of Hearing: Council Chamber

Testimony In Support of Gladys Baisa Confirmation as Director of Water Supply

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State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO

Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura and members of the Committee, my name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646 AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and the four counties.

The UPW strongly supports PEA-87 for the confirmation of Gladys Baisa as Director of Water Supply effective July 12, 2018, pursuant to Sections 6-2(5) and 8-11.5 of the revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983) as amended. Ms. Baisa was appointed by Mayor Arakawa as Deputy Director of Water Supply on January 2, 2017 to July 11, 2018 and subsequently appointed as Director of the Water supply, subject to Council approval, on July 12, 2018 to the present.

Director Baisa was also the Chair of the Water Resources Committee from January 2, 2015 to January 2, 2017. She served for 10 years on the County Council, is affiliated with many community organizations and has been recognized many times over for her leadership and community contributions. We strongly believe that she is the right person for the job who is already on the job for the County of Maui. We humbly request the County Council to confirm the appointment of Ms. Gladys Baisa as the Director of Water Supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.