

PEA Committee

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August 20, 2018

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugumura, Chair
Honorable Stacy Crivello, Vice Chair and
Members of the Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee

RE: Confirmation of Director of Water Supply (PEA-87)

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF **strongly supports** confirming the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Gladys C. Baisa as the Director of the Board of Water Supply. HOEISF supports Ms. Baisa's vast knowledge and ten years of experience on the County Council, all of which she served specifically on the Water Committee. She also served as Chair for that Committee for two of those years. Ms. Baisa has conducted herself with integrity and fairness when working with the public and has successfully worked with our office to solve long standing issues.

Our office commends Ms. Baisa for taking on this position with short notice and no additional compensation. The Board of Water Supply is now stable and performing at a highly productive level. To interrupt the running of this department after all that has been accomplished would be counterproductive and demoralizing.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (808) 285-6343 or by email dwright@hoeisf.com, if you have any questions or request further information about my support for Ms. Baisa.

Sincerely,

Dwight Burns
Maui Island Representative
Hawaii Operating Engineers
Industry Stabilization Fund

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