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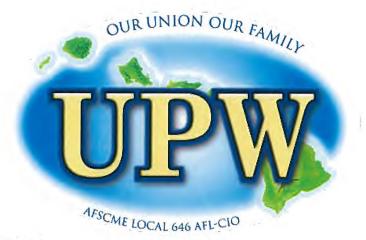
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PIA-10(13) Prohibition of campaign contributions by public employees

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Council of the County of Maui Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Chair Members of the Committee

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, June 27, 2016

TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE OF HEARING: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor

200 South High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983) AS AMENDED, TO PROHIBIT COUNTY EMPLOYEES FROM MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OR COUNTY COUNCIL

By Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, state director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 12,000 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 various counties.

This resolution (PIA-10 (13) proposes a charter amendment which prohibits Maui County public employees from making political campaign donations to support or oppose mayoral candidates or county council candidates.

The UPW opposes this resolution. The proposed charter amendment may violate the 1st Amendment right to freedom of expression.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.