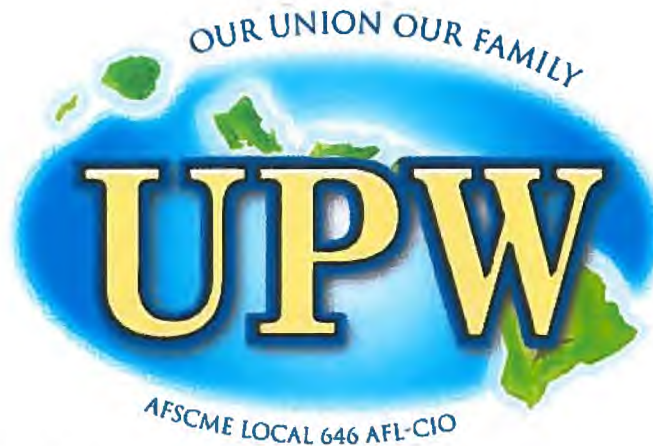


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**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF
MAUI (1983) AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANAGING
DIRECTOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO
FUNCTION AS THE COUNTY'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER WITH
THE ELECTED MAYOR RETAINING THE POWER TO REPRESENT THE
COUNTY IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, APPROVE OR VETO
BILLS, AND NOMINATE MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

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.

The UPW strongly opposes the proposed change in the form of government from Council-Mayor to Council Managing Director. Maui County's current form of democratic government is

based on separation of powers to ensure that there is check and balance in government. This proposal will shift significant administrative powers to the County Council who will also have control over the Council-appointed Managing Director. In the long run, we believe that it is not in the best interest of the public to have a non-elected government official with tremendous administrative powers and ability to expend tax funds without being directly accountable to the tax paying public. For this reason and others the UPW opposes the proposed Resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.