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MEMO TO: PIA-4(2) File

F R O M: Michael P. Victorino, Chair 
Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
2017 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE** (PAF 16-150)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 4(2) on the Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

Resolution

No. _____

APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2017 MAUI COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO ALLOW A
REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH COUNTY COUNCIL TO
PARTICIPATE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER IN BARGAINING
UNIT NEGOTIATIONS

WHEREAS, employment costs, largely determined through bargaining unit negotiations, are a significant and growing part of county budgets; and

WHEREAS, because the county councils have the duty to appropriate funds for the counties, councils' knowledge of bargaining unit negotiations and associated costs is essential for effective municipal financial planning; and

WHEREAS, currently, the mayors or their representatives are participants in bargaining unit negotiations; and

WHEREAS, adding councilmember participation in bargaining unit negotiations would ensure both branches of county government have full information on current and anticipated bargaining unit costs; and

WHEREAS, enactment of State legislation to allow each county council to have a representative participate as a non-voting member in bargaining unit negotiations would result in financial planning benefits to the counties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the proposed State bill, attached as Exhibit "A," to allow a representative of each county council to be present as a non-voting participant in negotiations with relevant bargaining units is approved for inclusion in the 2017 Maui County Legislative Package; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, County of Maui; the Governor, State of Hawaii; the Senate President, State of Hawaii; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to allow a
2 representative of each county council to be present as a non-
3 voting participant in negotiations with bargaining units if the
4 relevant county has employees in the particular bargaining unit.

5 County councils have the duty to appropriate funds for
6 their counties. Councils' knowledge of bargaining unit
7 negotiations and associated costs is essential to enable
8 effective financial planning for the counties.

9 SECTION 2. Section 89-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

11 "(d) For the purpose of negotiating a collective
12 bargaining agreement, the public employer of an appropriate
13 bargaining unit shall mean the governor together with the
14 following employers:

- 15 (1) For bargaining units (1), (2), (3), (4), (9), (10),
16 (13), and (14), the governor shall have six votes and
17 the mayors, the chief justice, and the Hawaii health
18 systems corporation board shall each have one vote if

EXHIBIT "A"

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1 they have employees in the particular bargaining unit;
2 and a representative of each county council shall be
3 allowed to attend as a non-voting participant during
4 negotiations if their county has employees in the
5 particular bargaining unit;

6 (2) For bargaining units (11) and (12), the governor shall
7 have four votes and the mayors shall each have one
8 vote;

9 (3) For bargaining units (5) and (6), the governor shall
10 have three votes, the board of education shall have
11 two votes, and the superintendent of education shall
12 have one vote; and

13 (4) For bargaining units (7) and (8), the governor shall
14 have three votes, the board of regents of the
15 University of Hawaii shall have two votes, and the
16 president of the University of Hawaii shall have one
17 vote.

18 Any decision to be reached by the applicable employer group
19 shall be on the basis of simple majority, except when a
20 bargaining unit includes county employees from more than one
21 county. In that case, the simple majority shall include at
22 least one county."

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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be deleted is bracketed
2 and in strikethrough. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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