

GET Committee

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Dear Chair Molina and Committee Members,

I would like to express my **support of Mr. William Spence** and urge you to confirm him to the position of Director of Housing and Human Concerns.

Homelessness and affordable housing remains major issues that we face both at the county and state level. As the State Representative for the 8th District, I have had positive conversations with Director Spence over the past few months regarding how the County can best use the funds set-aside by the State Legislature for both homelessness and affordable housing. I also appreciated his input on legislative initiatives that were eventually introduced this past session to help the County better address affordable housing.

The bottom-line is that action, leadership, and know-how is needed now to lead us through our housing crises. A very specific skill-set is needed and I believe Director Spence, with his nearly eight years serving as Planning Director can bring the needed leadership for Maui County to take tangible action in his new role overseeing housing related policies and development.

I have interacted both as a staffer and an elected official with Director Spence since he was first appointed in 2011, and he has always been a reliable and steady hand at the County. He has been willing to help find solutions to very complex problems and I have always appreciated his efforts.

I support his nomination. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,
Troy Hashimoto