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TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa
Council Member

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 17, 2011; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1067, H.D. 1,
RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF YOUTH TO AN ADULT CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to repeal the authority of the Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services to transfer youth committed to the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility to adult correctional facilities for disciplinary or other reasons.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

Hawai'i's correctional facilities are not equipped or staffed to handle youthful lawbreakers. PSD has testified often about the importance of separating youthful and adult lawbreakers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony on this important measure.

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