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### **Hawaii State Senate Confirms Maui Resident as Commissioner to the Public Utilities Commission**

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Senate today voted to confirm Maui resident Michael Champley as commissioner to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Champley was appointed by Governor Abercrombie in September 2011 and began serving on the PUC on an interim basis immediately. His appointment was subject to Senate confirmation.

“Mr. Champley’s extensive professional experience in the energy industry, commitment to public service, and proven leadership throughout his career are all important characteristics that make him an asset to the PUC,” said Senator Roz Baker, who represents South and West Maui, and chairs the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee that recommended Champley's confirmation.

“Mr. Champley's extensive experience and analytical skills make him an excellent choice for the PUC. He has the reputation on knowing how to address complex and crucial issues relating to the utility industry,” said Senate President Shan Tsutsui, who represents Wailuku, Waihe’e, Kahului, Pa’ia, Lower Pa’ia.

“With more than four decades of experience in the industry, Mr. Champley has proven to have a thorough understanding of the regulatory process from a utility perspective and is highly qualified to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission,” said Senator J. Kalani English, who represents Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe.

Prior to his appointment, Champley worked as a Maui-based senior energy consultant focused on clean energy resource integration in Hawai'i. He has over 40 years of experience analyzing, integrating and managing complex economic, public policy and technical issues confronting an evolving regulated

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energy utility industry. Champley was a senior executive with DTE Energy, a major electric and gas energy company where he held various executive positions, including Senior Vice President-Regulatory Affairs and Senior Vice President-Power Supply. Champley holds a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from the University of Dayton and a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University with emphasis in finance and public utility economics and regulation.

(Photo Caption: Maui Senators congratulate Michael Champley on his confirmation)(L-R: Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Senator J. Kalani English, Michael Champley and Senator Roz Baker)

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