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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 1:12:38 PM

Testimony for LAB on 1/31/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Kihei Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

Our community has tried to achieve a "County Manager" on Maui for past several years. We expect with a progressive Council majority in 2019, the will of our people may be able to come to fruition. If this bill could remove any further obstacles, we are all for it. We ask for your support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Hyde	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support! There is great interest in changing our county charters to provide for professional management of county operations as opposed to the political appointment process that has prevailed in all Hawaii counties since statehood. Approximately 23rds of all cities and counties across the nation have a professional county manager running day-to-day operations with the manager hiring and firing subordinate directors. In some cases cities and counties have an elected mayor who hires the manager and in others the mayor is the chair of the council. In either case, the position needs to be free from civil service designation. Here in Maui County the council has twice considered a charter change to provide for professional management of operations and in both instances the question has not gotten out of committee by a hair, but there is tremendous public support for better, more efficient, less political local government and the best way to achieve this is through a change in structure which places a well qualified, experienced manager in charge of operations. We have progressed greatly since the days after statehood when local governance challenges were less complex. Not so today. I know Kauai County is also interested in exploring this change. Kauai is concerned the manager position might be subject to civil service. Maui County is less concerned because the position will be that of a Director in charge of a Department of the a Managing Director thus placing the position outside civil service parameters as the law is currently written. However, eliminating whatever vaguery exists would be helpful to all who want to move forward with a more modern local governance model. The Hawaii Constitution gives counties great freedom to define local governance structure. This amendment would be consistent with this Constitutional prerogative.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 12:29:08 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marjorie Bonar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Trained, qualified professional management for jurisdiction is the easiest way to assure responsible use of the budgeting and oversight power of our counties and state. These are positions that should not be a civil service position. The position must be held accountable for actions that are protected by civil service rules.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 12:39:20 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Maui County needs a strong County Manager. Although this bill might not be necessary because we could make the manager a department head, this bill would remove any doubt that the position will NOT be subject to civil service.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Wintner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I support HB1196. Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Bradford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support creating the position of county manager outside the civil service

law. I think we are at the stage of needing a manager outside the political arena to best move our counties forward. Please vote for this measure. Thank you.

Susan Bradford, Kihei

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Michaels	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madge Schaefer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This Bill removes ambiguity as to positions that should be exempt from civil service. As counties begin to look at professional managers, this clarification is vital. Please support this Bill. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Lazuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe having a county manager will provide better management and eliminate inefficiencies that are present in the current system.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annette Schmidt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support a county manager hired for an indefinite term and removed at the discretion of the county council.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: