

Aloha County Council Members

March 5th, 2024

Thank you for this opportunity once again.

HULI PAC continues to support Bill 109 strongly. We would love to see our County Council representatives pass this proposal and have this proceed to the General Election ballot for public voting.

We are disappointed with the amendments to this bill and that the majority County Council cannot support department heads to define the term ending and beginning or resuming their position until the County Council has approved and confirmed the current leadership after an election. This is vital to mitigating patterns of conflicts of interest, mismanaged leadership performance, and the inability to follow due processes (the law). Further, these leaders will continue to have access to confidential information and can make changes to our current system without due process. Under the wrong leadership, this could potentially be a security issue—clarity on when the term ends, and the process to return is vital.

Current amendments for the Mayor to submit nominations to the County Council within 60 days of the beginning of every Mayoral term and within 30 days of the occurrence of a vacancy are important. It is also clear that it allows holdovers through mayoral terms.

Even with disappointment in amendments that lack the clarity to get corruption out of our system, passing Bill 109 remains important.

Thank you Maki Morinoue Hōlualoa, 96725 HULI PAC, member