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c/o County of Maui Office of Economic Development 2200 Main Street, Suite 305 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793 October 25, 2013

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair Committee on Human Services State Capitol - Conference Room 225 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI

Notice of Hearing: GM27 - Tuesday, October 29, 2013; 8:30 a.m.

RE: Support for Roland Prieto appointment to the Rehabilitation Council

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Roland Prieto to the Rehabilitation Council. Roland serves as the Executive Director for the Maui County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), under the auspices of the County of Maui's Office of Economic Development. The members of our local WIB Board are pleased to support Roland's gubernatorial appointment and directed me to submit a letter of support on behalf of the entire Board.

Roland is well positioned to serve in this role. His current position affords him the opportunity to intersect with employers and have access to emerging job options. He will be an important Council resource and can share information about training programs, availability, and skill set needs. He can also serve as a liaison to businesses, guiding them to optimize hiring opportunities. Roland will have the full support of our eighteen-member WIB Board, which represents a broad spectrum of private sector employers and service provider agencies.

Roland is also an involved community member, compassionate volunteer, and committed husband and father. His roots are deep on Maui, where he has established relationships, partnerships, and networks to assist the Council with its work. He believes that all our residents should have equal access and opportunities to allow them to reach their full potential.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at 808-280-0376 or e-mail at leslie@maui.com. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Wilkins

Leslie Wilkins Chair, Maui County Workforce Investment Board