

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

October 3, 2003

Committee
Report No.

03-113

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations Committee, having met on September 17, 2003, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-23, from the Council Chair, relating to matters of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC).

By correspondence dated September 8, 2003, your Committee Chair transmitted correspondence dated August 28, 2003, from the HSAC President, requesting consideration of the replacement of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz (Honolulu) with Councilmember Gary Safarik (Hawaii) on the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee Chair noted that due to Councilmember Dela Cruz's recent appointment to the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Board of Directors and subsequent resignation from the WIR Board of Directors, the Executive Committee felt that it would be appropriate to appoint a Hawaii County Council member to represent the State of Hawaii on the WIR Board.

Your Committee Chair further noted that each of the other counties are currently represented on the NACo Board of Directors; therefore, it would seem appropriate to nominate a Hawaii County Council member. The Hawaii County Council has nominated Councilmember Safarik to fill the vacancy on the WIR Board, and Councilmember Safarik has agreed to accept the position, subject to his confirmation by the individual councils.

Your Committee stated that the nomination seemed appropriate and recommended that Councilmember Safarik be nominated to the WIR Board of Directors.

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Your Government Relations Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Councilmember Gary Safarik's nomination to the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors be APPROVED; and
2. That a copy of this committee report be TRANSMITTED to the Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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