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for Hawaii State and County Representatives

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L. Lingle Governor
S. Tsutsui Senator
K. English Senator
R. Baber Senator

Governor Lingle	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Privatization	✓	✗	Work in progress
•Transportation	✓	✗	
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Governor's basic philosophical beliefs
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Medical	✓	✗	You early to evaluate
•Health Care	✓	✗	Work in progress
•Education	✓	✗	
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Agriculture	✓	✗	
•Government Efficiency	✓	✗	Work in progress, long term project
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** This is the Governor's first term in office after serving as Maui County's Mayor for eight years. The Governor has done well in promoting programs that support our local economy while at the same time attempting to reduce the size and cost of government in Hawaii. For the most part, achievements to date are consistent with the policy platform of the chamber hence the majority of pass ratings.

Mayor Arakawa	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Privatization	✓	✗	
•Boards/Commissions	✓	✗	Watching efforts
•Permit Process	✓	✗	
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Transportation	✓	✗	Funding and efforts toward public transportation systems
•Growth	✓	✗	Continue process of community vision and designation for urban growth areas
•Agriculture	✓	✗	Strong effort to support
•MVB Funding	✓	✗	Has always been supportive of MVB funding and programs
•Government Efficiency	✓	✗	
•Highways	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► Mayor Arakawa is in his first term as Maui's Mayor. His selection of department heads has created some uncertainty in the direction he will be taking his administration. Overall, his ratings are mixed for his first year due largely to the fact that some of the more critical areas of governance such as Land Use, the permitting process, growth in Maui County and infrastructure seems to be lagging behind previous administrations. Given that these issues are Economic Development we have assigned a fail, however, the exception is Lynn Araki-Regan, Coordinator of Office Economic Development. The opening of the Business Resource Center and her solid support of our two initiative indicate strong support for all but the development and contractors sector. In summary, the overall ratings for the Mayor are mixed in this first year and we look forward to a more business friendly and progressive future with the Mayor.

Michael Molina	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► **(endorsed)** As a Council Member Mr. Molina has been doing a good job and is always interested in hearing about the Chamber's policy positions when it comes to matters before him. Mr. Molina voted against the General Plan Ordinance out of a deep understanding of the issues it brought before our community. The Chamber appreciates Council member Molina's leadership.



C. Halford House
K. Bukoski House
S. Kaho'ohalahala House
B. Nakasone House

Senator Tsutsui	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Health Care Insurance	✓	✗	
•Medical (Air Ambulance)	✓	✗	
•Education	✓	✗	
•Finance	✓	✗	will watch efforts in legislative session
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** This is Senator Tsutsui's first year of a four year term. As a local businessman he has worked and supported issues consistent with the Chamber's policy platform yet his communication skills in working with the Chamber could be improved hence the majority of pass ratings.

Sol Kaho'ohalahala	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Health Care	✓	✗	Watch efforts in legislative session
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Watch for decision on Sales Tax issue
•Education	✓	✗	Watch for support of Governor's initiative (Separate School Districts)
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► Representative Kaho'ohalahala was not endorsed by the Chamber and has not been on the forefront of measures supportive of the Chamber policy platform nor has he been focusing his legislative skills in areas or measures that will reduce the size or cost of government in Hawaii hence the overall negative rating. We encourage Representative Kaho'ohalahala to work with the Chamber and the business community to make Hawaii a better place to do business.

Wayne Nishiki	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► The Chamber did not endorse Maui County Council Member Mr. Nishiki as he chose not to participate in the process. He is serving as the Planning and Land Use Committee Chair and has, in our opinion, failed to address many critical economic and long-term strategic issues facing Maui County, such as Affordable Housing and Land Use issues, by not providing a regularly scheduled format to hear such issues in committee. The Chamber has voiced this concern repeatedly at council meetings and hearings. Although he has in the past done a remarkably good job running the budget committee, the present failure to address economic issues such as affordable housing and economic development are not consistent with the Chamber's policy platform, hence the negative rating.

Charmaine Tavares	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► Ms. Tavares was not endorsed by the Chamber and has not taken any leadership roles as a member of the Council that is supportive of our policy platform. Affordable Housing and Land Use issues that have been held up for a full year are not indicative of support for the business community at this point. We support her efforts in improving the General Plan and Community Plan process yet do not endorse the positions taken regarding appeals and the top down approach proposed for the process as examples. We have given her a fair rating for this past year.



J. Souki House
B. Blundell House
A. Arakawa Mayor
D. Kane County Council

Senator English	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Health Care Insurance	✓	✗	
•Medical (Air Ambulance)	✓	✗	
•Education	✓	✗	will watch efforts in legislative session
•Finance	✓	✗	will watch efforts in legislative session
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** This is Senator English's second two year term. He has worked for and supported some issues consistent with the Chamber's policy platform and he is readily available to discuss issues of concern with the Chamber hence the majority of pass ratings.

Brian Blundell	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Health Care	✓	✗	Watch efforts in legislative session
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Watch for decision on Sales Tax issue
•Education	✓	✗	Watch for support of Governor's initiative (Separate School Districts)
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** House Representative Blundell is in his first term as a State Representative and we have seen him generally support actions and measures that help reduce the size and cost of government and that are supportive of the Chamber's policy platform hence the overall positive rating. We do expect to hear more from him in the future and play a more active role in supporting small business on Maui.

Robert Carroll	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► **(endorsed)** Mr. Robert Carroll has taken a number of position contrary to the Chamber policy platform and has been at times indecisive in his role as a Council Member. Although he has been supportive of the policy platform in his discussion with the Chamber, his actions have not supported his words in this regard. Affordable Housing and Land Use matters appear to be ones he is not willing to engage in public dialogue on and we see these as critical matters to our economic success hence the fair rating.

Jo Anne Johnson	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► The Chamber has watched Ms. Johnson since her first term as a council member and we have strong concerns about her ability to understand our local economy or business environment. The Chamber in the last election did not endorse Ms. Johnson as she chose not to participate in the process. Moratorium proposals for land use and hotels and the inability to support economic growth and development in Maui County are significant concern for the Chamber and business community hence the poor rating.



R. Carroll County Council
G.R. Hokama County Council
J.A. Johnson County Council
D. Mateo County Council

Senator Baker	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Economic Development	✓	✗	strong support of Chamber effort for Small Business
•Health Care Insurance	✓	✗	
•Medical (Air Ambulance)	✓	✗	major support of this issue
•Education	✓	✗	will watch efforts in legislative session
•Finance	✓	✗	will watch efforts in legislative session
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	excellent communication

► Senator Baker was not endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce in the last election yet has proven herself to be a valuable ally in support of the local business community by endorsing measures that are consistent with the Chamber's policy platform, hence the majority pass ratings.

Bob Nakasone	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Health Care	✓	✗	
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Watch for decision on Sales Tax issue
•Education	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** House Representative Nakasone has been very supportive of capital improvement programs that benefit Maui County and our business community. Overall, his small business experience has proven to be helpful in addressing issues consistent with our policy platform, hence the favorable ratings.

Dain Kane	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► **(endorsed)** As the Council Chairman Mr. Kane has performed well in keeping the meetings on track and supporting a process in Maui County that is open to all. We find his approach to be consistent with the policy platform in many respects while, in others, Mr. Kane has not been able to push forward on significant Land Use issues in Maui County nor has he been especially direct in the area of Affordable Housing, a key issue in the business community hence the fair rating.

G. Riki Hokama	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent leadership during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► **(endorsed)** Mr. Hokama has been one of the Council members one can rely on to give a straight answer, as well as legislative support. Mr. Hokama supports a process in Maui County that serves all and has done a terrific job as the Budget Chairman. In general Mr. Hokama is fair and supports the business community, as that is where he came from. However, Affordable Housing and Land issues have not been well served by his tenure during this first year of our endorsement of him and we hope to see better in the future hence the fair rating.



M. Molina County Council
W. Nishiki County Council
J. Pontanilla County Council
C. Tavares County Council

Chris Halford	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Health Care	✓	✗	Watch efforts in legislative session
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Watch for decision on Sales Tax issue
•Education	✓	✗	Watch for support of Governor's initiative (Separate School Districts)
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** House Representative Halford has been a strong supporter of measures consistent with the Chamber's policy platform, especially those proposed by the Governor in area emphasizing smaller and less government hence the overall rating of pass in all areas.

Kika Bukoski	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Health Care	✓	✗	Watch efforts in legislative session
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Watch for decision on Sales Tax issue
•Education	✓	✗	Watch for support of Governor's initiative (Separate School Districts)
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	

► **(endorsed)** House Representative Bukoski has been a strong supporter of measures consistent with the Chamber's policy platform, especially those proposed by the Governor in area emphasizing smaller and less government hence the overall rating of pass in all areas.

Joe Souki	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	
•Health Care	✓	✗	
•Home Rule	✓	✗	Watch for decision on Sales Tax issue
•Education	✓	✗	
•Communicate to Chamber	✓	✗	

► House Representative Souki was not endorsed by the Chamber, yet has done a good job in generally supporting measures consistent with the policy platform. Working harder to reduce the size and cost of government would be an improvement however, and we look forward to a more proactive role in this area.

Joseph Pontanilla	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► **(endorsed)** Mr. Pontanilla comes to the Council with experience as a Planning Commissioner and we feel this experience has helped him in his first year as a Council member. Generally, Mr. Pontanilla does understand the business community and does work to create policy that is supportive of the Chamber. However, a lack of progress in affordable housing and land use issues over the last year lead us to a fair rating and we look forward to a more aggressive stance on these same issues given his experience with such matters as a commissioner.

Danny Mateo	Pass	Fail	Comments
•Finance	✓	✗	Very fiscally responsible, excellent performance during budget bearing
•Moratoriums	✓	✗	
•Land Use	✓	✗	
•Affordable Housing	✓	✗	Council not responsible for developing a plan but have approval power
•Economic Development	✓	✗	
•Communicate w/Chamber	✓	✗	Excellent

► This is Mr. Mateo's first term as a Council Member and the Chamber did not endorse him. Mr. Mateo is an active member of the Council and Chairs the Water Committee. He has been proactive in the water solutions for Maui County yet timid when it comes to the more substantive issues facing our local economy like Affordable Housing and Land Use issues hence the fair rating. We look forward to a more progressive second year of his first term on the Council.