



**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 2:45 p.m.**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 277
DAYTON M. NAKANELUA, STATE DIRECTOR, UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM 277 on the nomination of Iwalani D. White as Director of the Department of Public Safety (PSD), State of Hawaii, for your consideration and confirmation.

The United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW), represents blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10 in the State of Hawaii, and the various counties. Correctional, food service, and maintenance UPW members work in the PSD.

Ms. Iwalani D. White has legal and law enforcement experience, as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, District Family Judge of the First Circuit, First Prosecuting Attorney, and as the present Interim Director of the PSD, State of Hawaii, spanning approximately 25 years. Her character, personal integrity, legal and law enforcement background, and administrative experience make her an excellent choice to be the next Director of the PSD, State of Hawaii. There is no doubt that she will continue to provide the highest degree of public and community services should she be considered and confirmed.

As an individual, Ms. White is responsible, knowledgeable, and professional. Without reservation, UPW strongly supports the nomination of Ms. White as Director of the PSD, State of Hawaii, for your consideration and confirmation.