



**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 10:00 a.m.**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CLAYTON A. FRANK
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 the nomination of Clayton A. Frank 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.

Mr. Frank has served with PSD, including the former Department of Corrections, since 1983. That makes nearly 25 years of uninterrupted service to the PSD. In his current capacity as Interim Department Director, and as the former warden of both the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) and the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC), Mr. Frank has performed in an exemplary manner and effectively executed many complex responsibilities unique to corrections management in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Frank's achievements over the years, which include the positive and open working relationship UPW presently enjoys with the PSD, have shown his values and skills of social work that would definitely benefit not only the PSD, but the community as a whole. I am greatly encouraged by recent UPW meetings with Mr. Frank where he expressed his commitment to continuously improve the working conditions of the PSD employees.

Due to Mr. Frank's capability and responsibility as well as his knowledge and experience in public safety, without reservation, UPW strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Clayton A. Frank as Director of the PSD, State of Hawaii, for your consideration and confirmation.