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To: Chair Edmund K. Haitzuka and
Members of the Hawai'i County Charter Commission

From: Levi K. Hookano, Attorney

Date: August 4, 2009

RE: Relating to CA-1: Legality of Charter Amendment Renaming the Manager of the
Department of Water Supply to "Manager-Chief Engineer"

Dear Chair Haitzuka and Members of the Hawai'i County Charter Commission,

During the July 17 meeting of the Hawai'i County Charter Commission ("Commission"), I was tasked with verifying the legality of various proposed charter amendments. This memo will discuss the legality of charter amendment CA-1, which renames the manager of the department of water supply to the "manager-chief engineer." This amendment also replaces the designation of the "chief engineer" in section 8-2 to the "director of public works" to conform with the designation of the director of public works in article VI, chapter 2 of the charter.

In my opinion, there are no legal issues with proposing this amendment. This amendment merely renames the title of the manager position. This change would be consistent with the qualification of the manager of the department of water supply since the manager must also be a registered engineer.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Levi Hookano', is written over a horizontal line.

Levi Hookano
Charter Commission Attorney