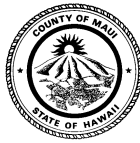Council Chair
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TO: The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
          House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Mike White
          Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 25, 2018; TESTIMONY IN <u>SUPPORT</u> OF
          HB 1946, RELATING TO THE CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
          PROGRAM**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate $43,119 to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, for the Career Criminal Prosecution Program ("CCP").

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The CCP Program was mandated to be implemented by the counties with the enactment of Chapter 845, Hawaii Revised Statues, in 1979. The enabling legislation recognized that "a substantial and disproportionate amount of serious crime is committed against the people by a relatively small number of multiple and repeat offenders."

2. Similar to the State, the County faces the tough decision to fund many competing interests. Therefore, designated State funding for this mandate ensures the CCP will be fully implemented.

3. The funding sought to be appropriated is the difference between the amount in the State Budget and the actual personnel costs. However, the impact to the community is invaluable. The funding will assist the prosecuting attorney's office to prosecute career criminals through organizational and operational techniques that have been proven effective in many counties in other states.

For the foregoing reasons, I strongly **support** this measure.

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