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LATE TESTIMONY

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OF
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEES
ON
LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
AND
PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
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S.B. 2779

RELATING TO LABOR

Chair Sonson, Chair Evans, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2779.

DAGS opposes S.B. 2779. The Governor has the authority during a national or state emergency to suspend the requirements of Chapter 104, HRS, as well as other chapters of the HRS, by Executive Order. If this bill is allowed to limit the Governor's authority in one Chapter of the HRS, it may lead to limitations in other chapters. This may put the health and safety of the people of Hawaii at risk. The Governor should be allowed to use the full discretion allowed under Chapter 128, HRS to ensure the health and safety of the people in the State.

DAGS recommends that this bill be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.