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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 3255, SD1
RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 3255, SD1, which establishes a long-term care commission to research what resources are necessary to meet state long-term care public policy goals and to recommend a program and funding mechanism that can provide these services.

The ILWU fully supports planning for Hawaii's long-term care needs. Our aging population will continue to grow and require a continuum of care options. Financing these options is a challenge that needs to be addressed now rather than later. This forward-thinking measure seeks to accomplish the goal of considering all options and proposing solutions.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 3255, SD1. Thank your for the opportunity to share our views on this extremely important matter.