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SUBJECT: **HB 922** – RELATING TO JOB-SHARING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

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Conference Room 309

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Dear Honorable Karl Rhoads, chair, and members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment,

My name is Julie Teruya and I am a teacher at Ahuimanu Elementary School and I support HB 922 which allows state employees to job-share.

I support this bill because I have this benefit as a teacher. If I found a teacher who wanted to job-share with me, then I would most likely get an approval because it benefits both teachers. I have teacher friends that have job-shared, and they have done so to further their education or to take care of family. I would like to see this benefit for other public employees, because I know of some who would like to work less for a period of time so that they can further their education or take care of a family member (young child or older relative). Job-sharing also created "less stress" for my teacher friends because they knew that their job would be done right, and they were able to focus positively on both their job and responsibility.

I hope you will consider supporting this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.