

TESTIMONY

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**Testimony by
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**S.B. 2174 – RELATING TO THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Hawaii Government Employees' Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2174. It would replace a public member on the ERS Board of Trustees with one selected by the Hawaii Council of Mayors to represent the City and County of Honolulu and the neighbor island counties.

The counties contribute a considerable amount to fund the retirement system, and their employees and retirees represent a significant portion of the system's membership. County representation will ensure that the board possesses knowledge about counties' finances and workforce when making important decisions about benefits. Therefore, the counties should have membership on the ERS Board of Trustees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2174.

Respectfully submitted,

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