

**TESTIMONY**

**SB 2324**



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**S.B. 2324 – RELATING TO**  
**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 2324, which authorizes an individual that is attached to a regular employer who is not offering work to still receive unemployment insurance benefits even if that individual voluntarily or involuntarily separates from part-time employment.

The measure fairly seeks to preserve unemployment insurance benefits for individuals still attached to their regular employer who is not offering work, under very specific and reasonable circumstances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2324.

Respectfully submitted,

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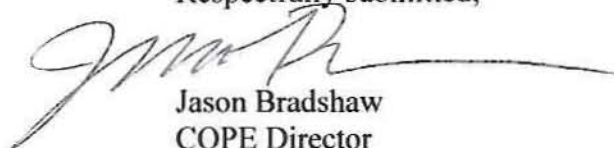
## S.B. 2324 – RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO supports S.B. 2324 which authorizes an individual that is attached to a regular employer who is not offering work to still receive unemployment insurance benefits even if that individual voluntarily or involuntarily separates from part-time employment.

Hawaii and the rest of the world are in the midst of one of the worst economic recessions since the Great Depression. Thousands of Hawaii workers have lost their jobs with very little relief in sight. For many, the unemployment insurance they receive allows them to continue to feed their families, pay their bills and patronize the many small businesses that exist in Hawaii. That is why it is critical they do not lose the benefits even if they separate from an employer offering part-time employment. We must do all we can for the working class during these trying economic times.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



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