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LATE TESTIMONY

**H.B. 467 – RELATING TO**  
**WHISTLEBLOWERS' PROTECTION**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the intent and purpose of H.B. 467 – Relating to Whistleblowers' Protection. This bill provides additional protection to public employees who report violations of the law and significant threats to health or safety; and expands their ability to seek relief and damages. The bill also appropriately expands the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' responsibilities regarding whistleblowers' protection with respect to public employees.

Many state and county employees are directly responsible for protecting public health and safety through the administration of statutory requirements and enforcement rules and regulations. H.B. 467 will help public employees uphold appropriate standards in their area of expertise. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 467.

Sincerely,

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