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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane Chair  
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY ON HB 1846 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL  
PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL**

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports House Bill 1846, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Wahiawa General Hospital with costs related to the construction of health care facilities.

The recent closures of two hospitals on Oahu have resulted in the severe reduction of emergency medical services, chronic long-term care services, as well as basic patient care services. Additionally, the closures have created a shortage of available positions for medical professionals.

This bill is critically important. Providing these funds would take a step in addressing a shortage of medical services on Oahu. By assisting Wahiawa General Hospital with costs related

to the construction of health care facilities, the legislature will take an important step toward ensuring the residents and visitors to the state have access to necessary medical services.

Accordingly, the UPW is in support of HB 1953.

Thank you for opportunity to testify on this measure.

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