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H.B. No. 2102 Relating to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. HFFA represents the 2,800 active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA opposes H.B. No. 2102, which eliminates the Medicare Part B reimbursements for employee-beneficiaries and spouses hired after July 30, 2012.

HFFA supports the maintenance of the medicare reimbursement as part of the retirement benefit package for all public employees and their spouses. Last year, H.B. No. 1038, H.D. 2, S.D. 2 (Act 163) changed the eligibility requirements and benefits for public employees who begin service after June 30, 2012. This bill would compound the negative effects of H.B. 1038, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, by mandating the cost of Medicare premiums to be borne by the retiree.

HFFA respectfully urges the Committee to hold H.B. No. 2102. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. No. 2102.