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S.B. 1038 – RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 1038. The measure enacts the optional total unemployment rate trigger under federal law, which could provide additional support for unemployed workers, their families and our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 1038.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Hawaii State AFL-CIO supports S.B. 1038 which enacts the optional total unemployment rate trigger.

Currently, Hawaii's unemployment rate stands at 6.4%. We hope that this number continues to decline, but must accept that predicting what the unemployment rate will be in the months ahead is nearly impossible. As a result, it is critical that Hawaii pass S.B. 1038 which would extend the benefit period an additional thirteen weeks or twenty weeks if the unemployment rate reaches 6.5% or 8% respectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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