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S.B. 1261, S.D. 1 – MAKING EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 1261, S.D. 1, which makes an emergency appropriation for the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, but proposes an amendment. We suggest Section 7 be amended to read, "This act shall take effect upon its approval," as written in the original legislation.

Employees receive the same health benefit plan options, but are currently contributing different amounts, based on their jurisdiction. Providing funding for this legislation is fair and is part of an agreement reached by the Employer and the Exclusive Representatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 1261, S.D. 1, with the suggested amendment to Section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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