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The Honorable Sen. Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON SB 2252 RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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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 opposes SB 2252, requiring all correctional facility staff to undergo the same drug screenings as visitors to the facility. Currently, in the Corrections Administration Policy and Procedures, the Department of Public Safety has a section that addresses staff searches in an effort to control contraband.

We also believe that this is a matter that should be decided through collective bargaining and not the legislative process. This screening procedure would be a condition of work that, according to Chapter 89, HRS is subject to collective bargaining.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge you to oppose SB 2252.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.