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The Senate  
Committee on Education  
And  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Testimony by  
HGEA/AFSCME Local 152  
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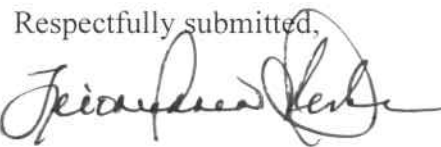
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**S.B. 2537 Relating To Charter Schools**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, HGEA/AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO opposes S.B. 2537. The purpose of this bill is to amend 302B-9 by amending subsection (a) to allow the charter schools to enter into either supplemental agreements or master agreements separate from any other master agreement collectively bargained for between the exclusive representatives and department, as defined in chapter 89.

We recommend that 302B-9 not be amended thereby charter schools retain the authority to negotiate supplemental agreements with the exclusive representatives..

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  


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Comments:

I support the autonomy of charter schools to make decisions that directly affect the academic programs that we deliver to students. As such, I believe it is important that charter school faculty have the right to negotiate directly with our local school boards and enter into contracts that are sensible for our unique institutions.

Additionally, I believe charter school students have the same rights to public education support as their peers, and it is important that the funding formula for all public school students (including charter students) be fair and equal (including facilities allotments).