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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 937
RELATING TO HEALTH**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 937, which requires the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to post on their respective websites reports of all inspections of care facilities by January 1, 2013.

S.B. 937 will provide the public will valuable information to make an informed decision about facilities being considered for the placement of family members needing long-term care. The information will be posted on the Department of Health's website and will allow caregivers to scrutinize and screen care facilities without having to go through the time-consuming work of interviewing, by phone or in person, each and every facility to which the patient may be referred.

However, disclaimers may need to be provided along with the reports. Some provision may also need to be made for care facilities to explain or rebut negative reports. In addition, families should be cautioned that a negative report alone should not be used to judge the quality of a care facility. Nevertheless, the information posted will provide families with at least a first pass in evaluating and deciding on a suitable placement for their loved ones.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 937. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.