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TESTIMONY ON SB885 SD2 RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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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 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 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 supports SB885 SD2 that repeals language that prohibits parties from using arbitration to resolve impasses or disputes relating to the State and counties' contributions to the employer-union health benefits trust fund and repeals the procedures parties are required to follow after an arbitration panel issues a decision and the understanding that members of bargaining units are prohibited from striking on the issue of state and county contributions to the employer-union health benefits trust fund. This measure provides an instrument to resolve disputes over the employee and employer share of contributions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.