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TESTIMONY ON SB3095 RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH

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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 strongly supports SB3095, which designates a portion of the Hawaii state hospital as a forensic facility and appropriates funds to the department of health to cover any necessary expenses resulting from the designation.

We ask that the committees pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.