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The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2389 RELATING TO FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT
MAXIMIZATION SPECIAL FUND**

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 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.

HB2389 allows the use of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund for corrections workforce recruitment and retention. The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2389.

HB 2389 seeks to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 353C-7 to align with the Department of Justice allowance to use moneys in the federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund for corrections workforce recruitment and retention purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.