

THE SENATE
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
Wednesday, March 2, 2016; 10:05 a. m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2753
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4
OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH
LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS**

The ILWU Local 142 **opposes** S.B. 2753, which proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of the Legislature to a maximum of 12 consecutive years in the House of Representatives and 12 consecutive years in the Senate, for terms beginning on the day of the General Election of 2020.

In our democracy, members of the Legislature are elected by voters of their districts to represent them. The voters, duly registered, should be the ones to decide who gets elected and for how long. If an elected official no longer serves the interests of his or her constituents, it is up to those constituents to make their displeasure known at the polls--NOT an arbitrary term limit set by a constitutional amendment that may be decided by those unhappy with their own representatives. The people of the district should decide, not someone outside the district.

The ILWU respectfully requests that S.B. 2753 be HELD. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Term limits prevent stagnation in the legislature.

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Donna Masaniai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Bill SB2753.

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Katharine E Avery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Twelve years is long enough for any one person to serve. Please pass this bill!

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rick Warshauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support. The vision and direction of the Legislature borders on moribund. New blood and views are desperately needed to regain connections with the people of Hawaii. This will only happen with a regular turnover of legislators that this measure would foster. Twelve years is more than enough for any person to make their contributions to the legislative process.

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