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S.B. 3038 – RELATING TO
UNEMPLOYMENT

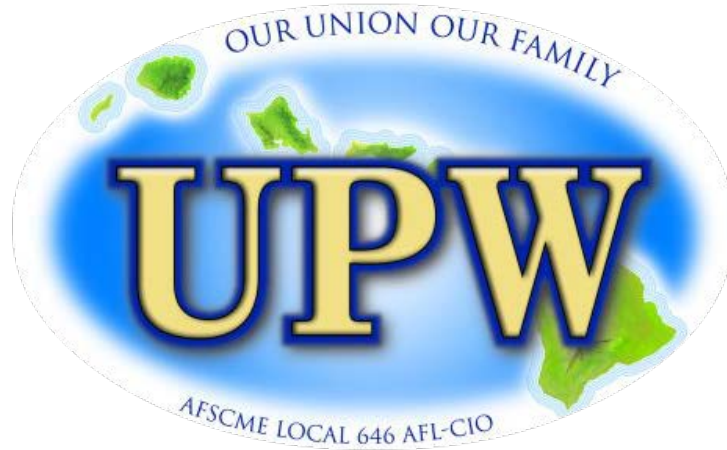
The Hawaii State AFL-CIO supports S.B. 3038 which creates a temporary program providing additional benefits to unemployed workers by extending their unemployment insurance benefits.

When Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar (HC&S) ends their sugar operations on Maui later this year, hundreds of employees will be permanently laid off and will face a very difficult and challenging time as they begin to seek new employment in completely different industries. Creating a temporary program that provides additional unemployment benefits will financially help these workers continue to pay their mortgages, rent, and many other bills while they search for new jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON SB3038 RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, state director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 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.

SB3038 Relating to Unemployment creates a temporary program providing additional benefits to unemployed workers by extending their unemployment insurance benefits. The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.