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**H.B. 627, H.D. 2 - RELATING TO  
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly opposes the purpose and intent of H.B. 627, H.D. 2, which establishes and funds a State Public-Private Partnership (P3) Coordinator position within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to manage and negotiate to develop and implement public-private partnership projects.

There are many examples of inefficiencies, failures and negative impacts to public assets and the public's trust in government as a result of public-private partnerships (P3s). The public-private partnership resulting in the privatization of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Maui Region is disrupting many families both in the region and statewide. Long-term P3s in other jurisdictions like the State of Indiana (toll road) and City of Chicago (parking meters) have encumbered government and hampered its ability to respond to changing priorities of the public it is supposed to serve. Before our state goes down the road of committing funds and state agency efforts to another "new fix", more effort should be put into determining areas where government inefficiency is resulting in lost resources.

We respectfully request that H.B. 627, H.D. 2 be deferred.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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