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LATE TESTIMONY

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S.B. 935 – RELATING TO STAFF OF THE
HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH
BENEFITS TRUST FUND

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 935 which converts most staff of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund from exempt status to civil service employment.

We have long supported the conversion of exempt positions and have consistently questioned the Employer's attempts to circumvent the civil service system. Exempt employees do not have the same rights and benefits of civil service employees and that is inherently unfair. Therefore, we are pleased to support this measure which proactively converts most of the EUTF staff from exempt to civil service status.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the passage of S.B. 935.

Respectfully submitted,

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