

SB 968

Measure Title: RELATING TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Report Title: Civil Service; Establish Positions

Description: Authorizes establishment of permanent civil service positions for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to provide services historically and customarily performed by civil service employees in connection with creating housing opportunities for homeless individuals and others in need.

Companion: [HB1102](#)

Package: Governor

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Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
For Hearing on Thursday, February 2, 2017
2:55 p.m., Conference Room 225

By

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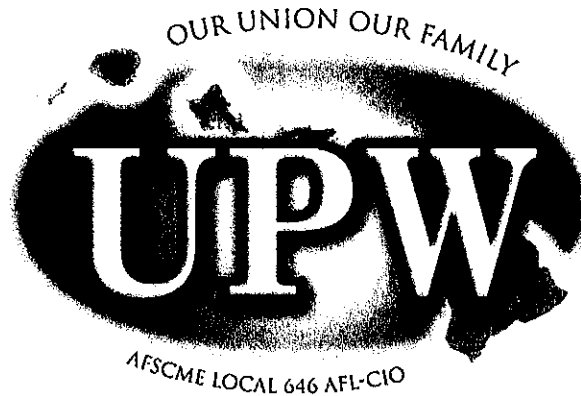
Senate Bill No. 968
Relating to Services Performed by Civil Service Employees

CHAIRPERSON ESPERO, VICE-CHAIR HARIMOTO AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING:

S.B. 968 authorizes establishment of permanent civil service positions for the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to provide services historically and customarily performed by civil service employees in connection with creating housing opportunities for homeless individuals and others in need.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) **strongly supports** S.B. 968 as we believe the additional thirty-four permanent civil service positions being sought would enable the HPHA to continue its multi-skilled worker teams to quickly renovate or repair public housing units in its effort to provide housing for homeless individuals and others in need. It is our understanding, according to HPHA, that no appropriation of funds is being requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

The Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, February 2, 2017
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PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol, Rm. 225
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 968 RELATING TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 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.

SB 968 proposes to increase the civil service position count of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority with additional 34 positions including construction, labor, maintenance and trade skills. No funding is being requested. The UPW fully supports this request by the HPHA; the department needs these resources to increase the availability of state public housing to needy and qualified residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.