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> H.B.2533, HD1 - RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETIRANTS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association Retirees Unit, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, supports H.B. 2533, H.D1. The bill seeks to specify the various conditions that must be met before a person who had previously retired from State or County employment could be reemployed with the State or County.

The bill also establishes penalties for those individuals who violate the conditions set out in the bill for reemployment with the State or County governments. H.B. 2533, HD1 is intended to conform Hawaii law to the federal Internal Revenue Code and keep our retirement system recognized as a tax-qualified retirement plan.

It is on that basis that the HGEA Retirees Unit supports and urges passage of H.B. 2533, HD1.

> Respectfully submitted, Nora A. Nomura Deputy Executive Director