



**HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**  
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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**LATE TESTIMONY**

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H.B. 743, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 743, H.D. 1 which amends Section 78-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to permit public employees limited paid leave to attend academic calendared activities, which are defined as school-wide events organized by a school that is directly related to a child's educational, cultural or social development.

It is critically important to allow parents adequate time, including travel time, to attend to their children's parent-teacher conferences and academic calendared activities. We, as a society, often talk about the importance of finding balance in our work and personal lives – passage of this bill ensures that parents are tending to their priorities: raising educated and well rounded children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the above legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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