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The Senate
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

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H.B. 2606, H.D. 2 – RELATING TO THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 2606, H.D. 2, with a proposed amendment. Under this bill, employees whose positions are identified for layoff due to privatization will become eligible for a retirement incentive up to a maximum of three years of service credit as of the date of retirement.

As drafted, H.B. 2606 only applies to employees who are already eligible for a service retirement as of the date of application for retirement. However, we respectfully request that this benefit be extended to include all employees who are only a few years short of being eligible for retirement. Without such assistance, employees may face economic hardship that will be permanent through no fault of their own. We cannot allow that to occur.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2606, H.D. 2 with the suggested amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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barbara uwekoolani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If not for the medical retirement I needed to take I too would be in this position. People are looking to bump employees on other islands creating chaos and resentment there. In turn how long are some of these people bumping planning to stay on a different island. In some cases it may be a matter of months only. That create the problem that the bumped position would need to be filled. Unless you take some or all of these measures Maui suffers from a loss of seasoned staff, other islands have an influx of new staff bumping that islands workforce. I stated this last year in submitted testimony. Fix the mess you created. Mahalo, Barbara Uwekoolani, RN, BSN

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RE: HB 2446 HD2, – Support
HB 2445 HD1, – Support
HB 2606 HD2, – Support

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Mahalo nui loa,
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Chuck Kroner,

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Diane Nakashima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill that allows for an employee whose position is subject to privatization to receive additional service credit under a specific formula. The bill may help employees who are close to being vested, but need additional service credit to qualify for ERS benefits.

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Gwen Kondo	Individual	Support	No

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Jojo Kawana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB2606. The Legislature needs to keeps their promise and help the employees whose positions were privatized. Josette "Jojo" Kawana Unit 09, President/Director

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