

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
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TO THE SENTATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 163, S.D. 1

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RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This measure changes the employer voting structure for certain public sector bargaining units (BU) by amending Section 89-6, HRS. A vote for a representative of the public charter schools to be selected by the State Public Charter School Commission is added for BUs (5) and (6). For BU (9), the number of votes for the Governor is reduced from six to three and the vote for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation board is increased from one to two. In addition, the vote for each of the mayors are removed (currently the counties have no employees in BU (9)).

The Department of Budget and Finance has concerns with this measure. For BUs (5) and (6), we would not have an issue with the public charter schools having a vote if the current voting balance is maintained. This would require adding an additional vote for the Governor, so the Governor's voice is not diminished.