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THE SENATE Committee on Ways and Means Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair State Capitol, Conference Room 211 Wednesday, February 24, 2016; 10:30 a.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2383, SD1 RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 2383, SD1, which, as part of the transition to a federally supported, state-based exchange, repeals the Hawaii Health Connector, updates an associated reference to the Connector, and states that any debts and liability pertaining to the Connector that were incurred prior to its repeal shall not constitute a debtor liability of the State.

The Hawaii Health Connector officially ceased operation in December 2015 due to its inability to be financially sustainable. The State took over the functions of the Connector, including outreach and enrollment using the federal platform, to ensure that individuals and families needing to meet the individual mandate set forth in the Affordable Care Act would have help to access enrollment.

The Connector as a nonprofit entity created by the State is effectively no longer in existence. S.B. 2383, SD1 will formalize the dissolution of the Connector by repealing the statute that created it.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2383, SD1. Thank you for allowing us to testify on this measure.

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