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S.B. 3038, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO
UNEMPLOYMENT

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO supports S.B. 3038, S.D. 1, which creates a temporary program, limited to counties with a population under 200,000, to provide additional benefits to unemployed workers by extending their unemployment insurance benefits.

When Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar (HC&S) ends its sugar operations on Maui later this year, hundreds of employees will be permanently laid off and will face a very difficult and challenging time as they begin to seek new employment in completely different industries. Creating a temporary program that provides additional unemployment benefits will financially help these workers continue to pay their mortgages, rent, and many other bills while they search for new jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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