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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GVO)

The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair The Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1170: RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, nonsupervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB1170 requires any report of a study or an audit enacted with a legislative appropriation and conducted by an executive department or agency, including the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and by the Legislative Reference Bureau, Auditor, Judiciary, or Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to submit the report to the clerk of each house, senate president, speaker of the house, chairs of the appropriate subject matter committee of each house, and the Legislative Reference Bureau library. It also requires a public hearing or informational briefing within one year of receipt of report, except if waived by the senate president or speaker of the House of Representatives, excluding certain routine reports.

The UPW strongly supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.