



RANDY PERREIRA, Executive Director • Tel: 808.543.0011 • Fax: 808.528.0922



## The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawali The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Testimony by Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 10, 2017

## S.B. 944 - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS RELATED TO THE TRANSITION OF MAUI REGION HOSPITALS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 944 which appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items related to the privatization of the Maui Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

The affected employees have been in limbo regarding their employment and retirement benefits for too long. The hospitals' transfer to Kaiser is slated to take effect on July 1, 2017 and employees deserve to know their full benefit package and options so that they can make the best decisions for themselves and their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of passing this appropriations vehicle bill to continue this important dialogue.

espectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira Executive Director