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PROPOSED C.D. 1 TO BILL 10 (2011) –
RELATING TO THE HONOLULU
ETHICS COMMISSION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO continues to stand by its written comments as provided in our May 12, 2011 letter to Councilmember Romy Cachola (Miscellaneous Communication #981), regarding Bill 10 which amends the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu relating to the Ethics Commission.

We respect and do not question the Council's autonomy in self-determination. However, we respectfully question the need to create legislation more onerous than the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Our organization represents employees from the State, Judiciary, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the University System, and each of the four counties. It is only fair that all employees, regardless of their jurisdictional employment, be held to the same standards. Further, although Unions generally are not called upon to represent employees in cases before the Ethics Commission, it is patently unfair to subject employees to anonymous and unsubstantiated complaints.

We continue to raise the same concerns as outlined in Our May 12, 2011 letter and maintain our objection to the proposed amendments to Bill 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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