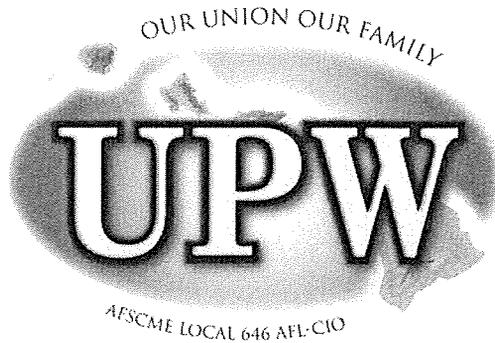


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COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE MATTERS & LEGAL AFFAIRS
Hearing Date: NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

Testimony By United Public Workers

Re: BILL 10 (2011), CD1 - RELATING TO THE HONOLULU ETHICS COMMISSION

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for public employees in bargaining Unit 1 blue collar non-supervisory and Unit 10 institutional, health and correctional facilities.

While UPW recognizes the intent of this bill, we have great concern. It creates an inequity among our 14,000 members employed by the various counties, as well as by the State of Hawaii. The Counties of Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, and the State of Hawaii requires that a complaint must be filed in writing. Requiring that complaints be made in writing limits frivolous complaints and allows for a more complete written record, from filing to the rendering of an opinion by the Board of Ethics. The UPW believes that everyone should be treated equally regardless of which county they work or live in. Bringing uniformity throughout the state is the right thing to do.

For these reasons, the United Public Workers strongly recommend that this Committee defer this matter and that the Council draft language for a Charter Amendment to be placed on the ballot for the 2012 election.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in on Bill 10 (2011), CD1.