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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Testimony by

**S. B. No. 867** RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS  
TRUST FUND.

My name is Robert H. Lee, President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. On behalf of the more than 3,100 members, both active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State, HFFA supports S.B. No. 867, which proposes to repeal provisions relating to the base monthly contributions for health benefit plans paid by the State and counties for retired employees.

S.B. No. 867, ensures that the retirees will be provided health benefits at the level which was promised when entering the public employment system. To diminish any accrued benefit conflicts with Article XVI, Section 2 of the Hawaii Constitution.

We respectfully request the Committee pass S.B. No. 867. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.