SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

House Bill 1627, House Draft 1

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

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To the Senate Committee on Labor:

 I support this bill but respectfully request that you amend it to make it stronger and more effective at achieving its goal. In its current form, HB 1627, HD 1, denies equal protections to workers with intellectual disabilities. This is clear discrimination and does not belong in the Aloha State.

On February 06, 2018, this committee made an excellent decision to pass Senate Bill 3023, with a Senate Draft 1, which is a very similar bill. That bill demonstrates exactly what HB 1627, HD 1, should do. I respectfully request that this committee essentially repeat the same decision by amending HB 1627, HD 1, to mirror SB 3023, SD 1.

Here’s why I urge you to pass House Bill 1627, House Draft 1, with the appropriate amendments to end the payment of subminimum wages to workers with all types of disabilities:

* Reason 1
* Reason 2
* Reason 3
* Etc.

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