SUPPORT Senate Bill 3023, Senate Draft 1

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

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DECISION MAKING

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:45 AM

Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

To the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Mahalo for taking the time to consider this bill, which addresses one of the most pressing civil rights issues of today in Hawaii. In our state, people with disabilities do not currently receive the protection of minimum wage laws, and I respectfully request that exemptions allowing employers to pay them/us subminimum wages be eliminated. Some agencies have proposed that we should separate out people with certain types of disabilities and grant equality to them while leaving people with other types of disabilities behind as second-class citizens; in Hawaii, nobody should be left behind.

Here’s why I believe it is our kuleana to give equal minimum wage protections to workers with all types of disabilities:

Mahalo nui loa,

Your Name

Your Address

Member (or other title)

National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii