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March 23, 2009

TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
For Hearing on HCR 151, March 24, 2009
10:30 a.m., Conference Room 309

BY

MARIE C. LADERTA, DIRECTOR

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 151
Requesting Each Public Sector Jurisdiction Within the State to Submit Reports
on Periodic Repricing as Required Under Section 89-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes**

TO CHAIRPERSON RHOADS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

This resolution requests that each jurisdiction comply with the requirements of section 89-9(f)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by conducting periodic repricing reviews, and requests that such reviews be completed before the Regular Session of 2010, and that the results be distributed to the Legislature and the exclusive representatives of civil service employees.

Section 89-9(f)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), states : "If repricing has not been negotiated ..., the employer of each jurisdiction shall ensure establishment of procedures to periodically review, at least once in five years, ... the repricing of classes within the bargaining unit. The repricing of classes based on the results of the periodic review shall be at the discretion of the employer ..." The provision took effect on July 1, 2002; thus the first five-year period ended on June 30, 2007.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) completed the first periodic repricing review and submitted the results of the review to Governor Lingle in a memo dated June 15, 2007. The following classes were repriced during the period

July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2007:

	<u>Repriced From</u>	<u>To</u>
Youth Corrections Officer (Entry)	CO-3	CO-4
Youth Corrections Officer (Full Performance)	CO-5	CO-6
Youth Corrections Supervisor	CO-7	CO-8
Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator	EM-7	EM-8

Although there is no requirement for reporting in the law, DHRD provides notification of their repricing actions to other personnel jurisdictions of the State and counties to ensure equitable compensation for civil service employees.

Inasmuch as DHRD has complied with the requirements of Section 89-9(f)(2), HRS by completing a periodic repricing review, the results of which are indicated above, we do not believe it is necessary to submit a report to the 2010 Legislature or the public sector unions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this resolution.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair

The Honorable Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

by

Sharen M. Tokura

Human Resources Director

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 151, Requesting each public sector jurisdiction within the State of Hawaii to submit reports on periodic repricing as required under Section 89-9, Hawai'i Revised Statutes..

Purpose: Requesting each jurisdiction within the state of Hawai'i to submit periodic repricing reviews, as required under Section 89-9, Hawai'i Revised Statutes

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary hereby informs the Committee that it has complied with the provisions of Section 89-9, HRS, and respectfully notes that this statute does not require the submission of reports to any entity outside the Judiciary.

Section 89-9(f)(2) Hawaii Revised Statutes, states: "If repricing has not been negotiated..., the employer of each jurisdiction shall ensure establishment of procedures to periodically review, at least once in five years, ...the repricing of classes within the bargaining unit. The repricing of classes based on the results of the periodic review shall be at the discretion of the employer...."

This provision took effect on July 1, 2002, and the first five-year period ended on June 30, 2007. Accordingly, the Judiciary Human Resources Department completed the first periodic repricing review on June 18, 2007. No Judiciary classes were recommended for repricing during



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the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2007. The next five year period ends June 30, 2012. The review of classes for repricing is a continuous process.

For the Committee's information, the Judiciary has repriced five classes thus far within the second five-year review period. The repriced classes are: Juvenile Detention Worker I, II, III, Juvenile Detention Officer, and Juvenile Detention Supervisor.

Although there is no reporting requirement in the law, the Judiciary provides notification of its repricing actions to other personnel jurisdictions of the state and counties to ensure equitable compensation for civil service employees.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

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March 23, 2009

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Labor and Public Employment
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution No. 151
Requesting Each Jurisdiction Within the State of Hawaii to Submit
Periodic Repricing Reviews, as Required Under Section 89-9, Hawaii
Revised Statutes

I am Ken Nakamatsu, Director of Human Resources, City and County of Honolulu. This resolution requests that each jurisdiction conduct periodic repricing reviews that are required in accordance with section 89-9(f)(2) and submit the results of such reviews to the Legislature and the exclusive representatives of civil service employees prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session.

Section 89-9(f)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), states : "If repricing has not been negotiated ..., the employer of each jurisdiction shall ensure establishment of procedures to periodically review, at least once in five years, ... the repricing of classes within the bargaining unit. The repricing of classes based on the results of the periodic review shall be at the discretion of the employer ..." The provision took effect on July 1, 2002; thus the first five-year period ended on June 30, 2007.

The Department of Human Resources completed the first periodic repricing review and submitted the results of the review to Mayor Hannemann in a memo dated July 5, 2007. No white collar or blue collar classes were recommended for repricing.

Although there is no requirement for reporting in the law, the City provides notification of its repricing actions to other personnel jurisdictions of the State and counties to ensure equitable compensation for civil service employees.

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and Members of the Committee on
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Inasmuch as the City has complied with the requirements of Section 89-9(f)(2), HRS, by completing the periodic repricing review, the results of which are indicated above, we do not believe it is necessary to submit a report to the 2010 Legislature or the public sector unions.

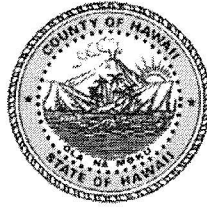
Based on the foregoing reasons, the City strongly opposes HCR 151. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

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KEN Y. NAKAMATSU
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March 24, 2009

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HCR 151 Requesting Each Public Sector Jurisdiction Within the State to
Submit Reports on Periodic Repricing as Required Under Section 89-9,
Hawai'i Revised Statutes**

I am Michael R. Ben, the Director of Human Resources of the County of Hawai'i. I am testifying to inform you that HCR 151 is not necessary.

Contrary to the "Whereas" beginning on line 27 of the resolution, the County of Hawai'i has conducted periodic repricing reviews, as have the other political jurisdictions of the state. Hawai'i County's first five-year review confirmed no repricing action was necessary for any of our classes of work. We reported this to Mayor Harry Kim on June 7, 2007, with a copy to all jurisdictions.

As a small jurisdiction, we are able to continually review of our classes to determine whether repricing actions are necessary. As an example, for the second five-year period, we have already repriced two classes of work, our Lifeguard and Lifeguard I classes.

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Inasmuch as the County of Hawai'i has complied with the requirements of Section 89-9(f)(2), HRS, we do not see any purpose in HCR 151 and ask that it be tabled.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

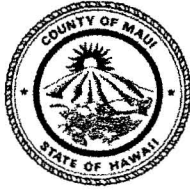
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Michael R. Ben, SPHR
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March 23, 2009

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Labor and Public Employment
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: H.C.R. 151, REQUESTING EACH PUBLIC SECTOR
JURISDICTION WITHIN THE STATE TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON
PERIODIC REPRICING AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 89-9,
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

I am Lynn G. Krieg, Director of Personnel Services, County of Maui. Thank you for allowing me to present testimony on H.C.R. 151.

This resolution requests that each jurisdiction conduct periodic repricing reviews that are required in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 89-9(f)(2) and submit the results of such reviews to the Legislature and the exclusive representatives of civil service employees prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session.

HRS § 89-9(f)(2), states : "If repricing has not been negotiated ..., the employer of each jurisdiction shall ensure establishment of procedures to periodically review, at least once in five years, ... the repricing of classes within the bargaining unit. The repricing of classes based on the results of the periodic review shall be at the discretion of the employer ..."

This provision took effect on July 1, 2002; thus, the first five-year period ended on June 30, 2007. In accordance with this provision, the County of Maui Department of Personnel Services (DPS) completed the first periodic repricing review and submitted the results of the review to Mayor Charmaine Tavares in a memo dated June 18, 2007. The County of Maui had no classes requiring repricing action during the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2007.

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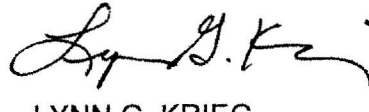
The next five-year period ends on June 30, 2012, however, the review of classes for repricing is a continuous process. Since June 30, 2007, we have taken repricing action on the following classes:

	<u>Repriced From</u>	<u>To</u>
Pool Guard	SR-11	SR-13
Senior Pool Guard	SR-13	SR-15.

Although there is no requirement for reporting in the law, DPS provides notification of its repricing actions to other personnel jurisdictions of the State and counties to ensure equitable compensation for civil service employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this resolution.

Sincerely,



LYNN G. KRIEG
Director of Personnel Services

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**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

March 24, 2009
10:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **HCR 151**, REQUESTING EACH PUBLIC SECTOR JURISDICTION WITHIN THE STATE TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON PERIODIC REPRICING, AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 89-9, HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES.

TO THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Malcolm C. Fernandez, Director, Department of Personnel Services, County of Kaua'i (County), testifying on HCR 151.

The measure requests repricing reviews, and submission of the repricing reviews to the Legislature and the exclusive representatives of civil service employees prior to the convening of the regular 2010 Regular Session.

The rationale for the measure is that repricing reviews have not taken place as required by law. The measure is not needed, since repricing reviews have taken place.

Section 89-9(f)(2) of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes states: "If repricing has not been negotiated....the employer of each jurisdiction shall ensure establishment of procedures to periodically review, at least once in five years,.....the repricing of classes within the bargaining unit. The repricing of classes based on the results of the periodic review shall be at the discretion of the employer....." This statutory provision took effect on July 1, 2002, so the first five year period ended on June 30, 2007. The County's Department of Personnel Services completed its first periodic pricing review before June 30, 2007. In a memo dated June 4, 2007, the Department reported to Mayor Bryan J. Baptiste that the first review had been completed, and in this review, the Department found no need to reprice any of the County's white collar or blue collar classes that are within the bargaining unit. Although there is no requirement for reporting in the law, the results of this repricing action were reported to all jurisdictions. Since the County and other jurisdictions have complied with the legal requirements by completing timely periodic repricing reviews, HCR is not necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



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The Twenty-Fifth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State House of Representatives
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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 24, 2009

**H.C.R. 151 – REQUESTING EACH
PUBLIC SECTOR JURISDICTION
WITHIN THE STATE TO SUBMIT
REPORTS ON PERIODIC REPRICING
AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION
89-9, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.C.R. 151. Each public sector jurisdiction subject to the collective bargaining law for public employment is required to review the assignment of classes to pay ranges (repricing) at least once every five years under Section 89-9 (f) (2), HRS. This reporting requirement took effect on July 1, 2002, but the required repricing reviews have not been completed.

Under Section 76-1, HRS, the human resources program within each public sector jurisdiction is expected to provide equal pay for equal work between classes within the same bargaining unit and among jurisdictions for those classes deemed to be equal. Therefore, these periodic repricing reviews are essential to ensure fair, competitive, and equitable compensation for civil service employees.

The lack of a review every five years can lead to inequities in the pay between positions within the same bargaining unit, which is a violation of the equal pay for equal work provision set forth in Chapter 76, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.C.R. 151.

Respectfully submitted,

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