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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2541

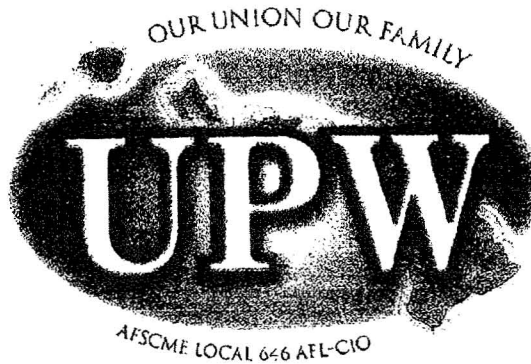
February 9, 2010

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

House Bill No. 2541 provides for the employer to pay contributions of the same dollar amount as Fiscal Year 2009 Employer-Union Trust Fund benefit plans for the employees in collective bargaining units 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 13 for Fiscal Years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Appropriations of \$0 are provided.

We support this Administration measure.

The State's position has been to continue to pay contributions of the same dollar amount as Fiscal Year 2008-2009. This reflects the agreement with the Hawaii Government Employees Association for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and the State's proposed contributions for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Given the current budget crisis, no increase in payments can be afforded.



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Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2010
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 309

**TESTIMONY OF THE UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, LOCAL 646, ON HB 2541,
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS**

HB 2541 provides employer contribution amounts for plan years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 for Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund health benefit plan premiums for employees of collective bargaining unit 10. It is further the purpose of this Act to provide employer plan contributions that maintain the same dollar amount as fiscal year 2008-2009.

The United Public Workers, Local 646, strongly opposes this measure for the reasons we cite in our testimony in support of HB 2936.

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