

HB 1034

HD 1

TESTIMONY BY **KALBERT K. YOUNG**
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1034, H.D. 1

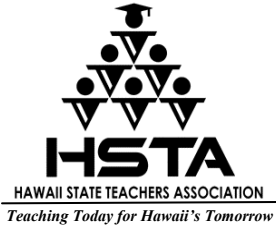
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MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
COST ITEMS

House Bill No. 1034, H.D. 1, provides fund authorizations and appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 collective bargaining costs associated with the December 23, 2010 agreement negotiated between the State and counties and the exclusive bargaining representative of collective bargaining units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13 and their excluded counterparts to increase employer contributions for Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund premiums beginning March 2011. Appropriations of \$18,095,166 are provided.

We **support** the immediate passage of this Administration measure.

State employees have absorbed the costs of all premium increases since July 2009. This increase in employer contributions coincides with the next Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund premium increase to begin in March 2011. As such, passage and approval of this bill prior to March 18, 2011 (for pay period March 1st to March 15th) will minimize the necessity of making retroactive adjustments.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

RE: HB 1034, HD1 – MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

March 11, 2011

WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association strongly **supports** HB1034, HD1, providing employer contributions for Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund health benefit plan premiums for the employees of collective bargaining units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13 and their excluded counterparts. State employees have paid the cost of premium increases. This bill will help employees in the upcoming EUTF premium increase in March 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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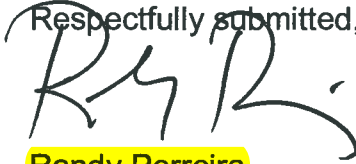
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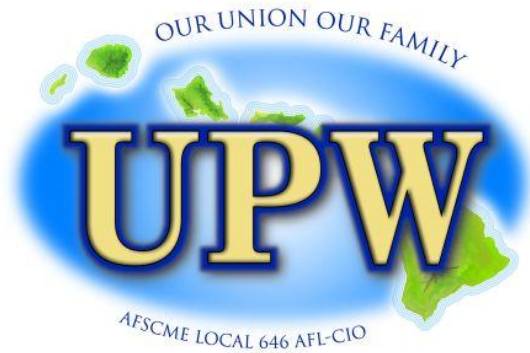
Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 11, 2011

H.B. 1034, H.D. 1 – MAKING EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly **supports** H.B. 1034, H.D. 1, which makes an emergency appropriation for the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Employees currently receive the same health benefit plan options, but contribute different amounts, based solely on their jurisdiction. Providing funding for this legislation is fair and is part of an agreement reached by the Employer and the Exclusive Representatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of H.B. 1034, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



**Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Hearing Date: March 11, 2011**

Testimony By United Public Workers

Re: HB 1034, HD1 - MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for public employees in bargaining Unit 1 blue collar non-supervisory and Unit 10 institutional, health and correctional facilities.

The United Public Workers strongly supports H.B. 1034, HD1, which makes an emergency appropriation for the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Funding this legislation is part of an agreement made by the employer and the Exclusive Bargaining Representatives to increase employer contributions as the EUTF premiums rise beginning March 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of H.B. 1034, HD1.