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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Finance  
February 25, 2011

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Testimony by  
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

H.B. No. 814 Relating to Public Employment

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. HFFA represents the 2,800 active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA strongly opposes H.B. No. 814 which eliminates the life insurance benefit for active employees and limits the State's contribution for retirees who retire before July 1, 2011.

Employer contributions made to the Employers Union Health Benefit Trust Fund for life insurance premiums for active members are negotiated through the collective bargaining process. The process in place now encourages parties to actively engage in good faith bargaining as it should be.

This bill is an attack on the collective bargaining process and we strongly oppose this measure. We respectfully request that the Committee on Finance hold the bill in Committee.

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**Comments:**

I oppose this bill to the extent that it eliminates the annual adjustment to life insurance contributions for current retirees. This is unconstitutional.