

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 1055, S.D. 1, PROPOSED H.D. 1;
1061, S.D. 1, PROPOSED H.D. 1; 1062, S.D. 1, PROPOSED H.D. 1;
1083, S.D. 1, PROPOSED H.D. 1; and 1095, S.D. 1, PROPOSED H.D. 1

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

Senate Bill Nos. 1055, S.D. 1, Proposed H.D. 1; 1061, S.D. 1, Proposed H.D. 1; 1062, S.D. 1, Proposed H.D. 1; 1083, S.D. 1, Proposed H.D. 1; and 1095, S.D. 1, Proposed H.D. 1, provide appropriations for Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 for Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund costs for public employees negotiated in collective bargaining agreements.

We are not opposed to moving these bills. The negotiations process for collective bargaining is currently underway and while the State is not in a position to fund general salary increases for public employees at this time, vehicle bills should be available to authorize other types of collective bargaining cost items should those be negotiated.