

SB 1261

Testimony

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1261

February 11, 2011

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
COST ITEMS

Senate Bill No. 1261 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 \$18,095,167 are provided.

We support 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. Passage of this bill prior to March 1, 2011 will minimize the necessity of making retroactive adjustments.



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RE: SB 1261 -- MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

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WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports SB1261, making emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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S.B. 1261 – MAKING EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 1261, which makes an emergency appropriation for the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Employees receive the same health benefit plan options, but are currently contributing different amounts based 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 S.B. 1261.

Respectfully submitted,

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