

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
ON  
SENATE BILL NOS. 1055, 1061, 1062, 1083, 1084, 1085, and 1095

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

Senate Bill Nos. 1055, 1061, 1062, 1083, 1084, 1085, and 1095 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. 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.

I would also like to take this time to urge the hearing of Senate Bill No. 1261 which provides emergency appropriations for increased employer contributions for Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund premiums for public employees negotiated in collective bargaining agreements beginning March 1 of this year.