

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 1063, 1064, 1075, 1077, 1081, 1082, and 1096

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Senate Bill Nos. 1063, 1064, 1075, 1077, 1081, 1082 (text of 1082 improperly refers to Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund costs), and 1096 provide appropriations for Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 for salary increases for public employees negotiated in collective bargaining agreements.

We oppose these bills. The State is not in a position to fund general salary increases for public employees at this time. Other vehicle bills are available to fund collective bargaining cost items should those be negotiated.