

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2323, S.D. 1

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Senate Bill No. 2323, S.D. 1, appropriates funds for registered professional nurses within collective bargaining unit 9 and their excluded counterparts.

The public employer and bargaining unit 9 are currently at impasse.

Bargaining unit 9 is subject to binding arbitration as a means of impasse resolution.

While we are not supportive of increases for bargaining unit 9 at this time, Senate Bill No. 2323 provides a mechanism to fund collective bargaining costs should an arbitration panel award terms which require collective bargaining appropriations.

An arbitration hearing has not yet been scheduled for unit 9. Since any arbitration hearing will be held after the end of this session, this issue will likely be presented again to the Legislature next session.



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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 2323, S.D. 1 which provides a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements from a potential arbitration for Bargaining Unit 09.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the above legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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