



TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2220

February 19, 2014

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments, other cost adjustments, and Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust costs for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA) belonging to Bargaining Unit 9 (registered nurses) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.

Although the collective bargaining process for this bargaining unit has not yet concluded, the Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure, or similar ones, as HGEA and the public employers have reached a tentative agreement concerning Unit 9. The ratification vote is expected to be complete by February 27, 2014. If this agreement is ratified, we will be submitting a proposed revised draft of this bill with appropriation amounts inserted consistent with that agreement.



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Quality Healthcare For All

**House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson**

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Conference Room 308
9:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 2220. Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items. Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit (9) and its excluded counterparts.

Alice M. Hall
Acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2220.

HHSC strongly supports this bill that will appropriate funding to provide nurses and other workers with their respective negotiated or arbitrated wages. HHSC requests that the Legislature pass this measure.

We appreciate the Committee's focus on improving healthcare for our island communities. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.

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