

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 901, 902, 903, 905,
906, 907, 909, 910, and 911

January 28, 2013

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST
ITEMS/SALARY INCREASES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments, other cost adjustments, and/or Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust Fund costs for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees Association and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session. See the listing of the bargaining units included in the bills and the related administration proposal below:

Senate Bill Nos. 895 and 896, Bargaining Unit 2 (Senate Bill No. 1047);
Senate Bill Nos. 897 and 898, Bargaining Unit 4 (Senate Bill No. 1049); Senate Bill
Nos. 899 and 901, Bargaining Unit 6 (Senate Bill No. 1051); Senate Bill Nos. 902 and
903, Bargaining Unit 8 (Senate Bill No. 1053); Senate Bill Nos. 905, 906, and 907,
Bargaining Unit 9 (Senate Bill No. 1054); Senate Bill Nos. 909, 910, and 911,
Bargaining Unit 13 (Senate Bill No. 1060). Senate Bill Nos. 906, Proposed S.D. 1,
and 910, Proposed S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3 (Senate Bill No. 1048).