TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

ON

SENATE BILL NOS. 895, S.D. 1; 905, S.D. 1; 906, S.D. 1; 907, S.D. 1; 909, S.D. 1; 910, S.D. 1 AND 911, S.D. 1

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

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 below:

Senate Bill No. 895, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill Nos. 906, S.D. 1, and 910, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill Nos. 905, S.D. 1, and 907, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill Nos. 909, S.D. 1, and 911, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13.