

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2220

February 4, 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 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 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. For your information, an arbitration hearing for Unit 9 is scheduled for February 11-14, 2014.



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Quality Healthcare For All

**House Committee on Labor and Public Employment
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair**

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
Conference Room 309
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, which will appropriate funding to provide nurses and other workers 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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H.B. 1956, H.B. 2220, H.B. 1955 –
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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports H.B. 1956, H.B. 2220, and H.B. 1955, each of which provide a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2013 – 15 for bargaining units 6, 9 and 14, respectively. We respectfully request a technical amendment to H.B. 1955 – references to Bargaining Unit 3 should be changed to Unit 14, as the language in H.B. 1955 is exclusive to Unit 14.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the above legislation with the technical amendment to H.B. 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director