TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON SENATE BILL NO. 2073

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 belonging to Bargaining Unit 6 (educational officers) 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, continuation of the Unit 6 arbitration hearing is scheduled for March 17-21, 2014.

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S.B. 2073, S.B. 2074, S.B. 2075 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 2073, S.B. 2074 and S.B. 2075, 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.

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

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respectfully submitted.

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