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Testimony by  
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**LATE**

March 27, 2014

S.B. 2073, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; S.B. 2074, S.D. 1, H.D. 1;  
S.B. 2075, H.D. 1 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 2073, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; S.B. 2074, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 and S.B. 2075, H.D.1, 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, with a proposed amendment to S.B. 2074.

On February 27, 2014, bargaining unit 09 ratified their collective bargaining agreement and, in accordance with Ch. 89-10(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Employer provided the funding amounts in Governor's Message 245.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2075, H.D. 1

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for: a) salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees belonging to Bargaining Unit 14 (State law enforcement, ocean safety, and water safety officers) and their excluded counterparts; and b) Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust (EUTF) costs for public employees belonging to Bargaining Unit 3 (Non-supervisory white collar) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.

The Department of Budget and Finance notes that new Bargaining Unit 14 administrative tasks associated with the formation are not yet complete. Unit 14 employees, as contemplated under this bill, are currently covered by contracts for Bargaining Units 3 and 4 and their excluded counterparts. These contracts are with the Hawaii Government Employees Association and the current contract expires on June 30, 2015.

We do not expect that a Unit 14 contract could be negotiated in time before the conclusion of this legislative session. Further, we believe that the terms of the current contracts for Bargaining Units 3 and 4 are fair and reasonable.