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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2308, H.D. 1

March 14, 2016
10:00 a.m.

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This measure appropriates and authorizes funding for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Firefighters Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 11 and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this Administration proposal to fund the Memorandum of Agreement on meal reimbursements reached during reopener negotiations and executed in December 2015.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
For Hearing on Monday, March 14, 2016
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

By

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**House Bill Nos. 2013, HD2; 2308, HD1; and 2307, HD1
Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items**

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSON KEITH-AGARAN, VICE CHAIR SHIMABUKURO AND MEMBERS OF
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR:

These bills provide fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining units (8), (11) and (14) and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017.

The Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) is **IN SUPPORT** of these bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.



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LATE TESTIMONY

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016
March 14, 2016

Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

H.B. No. 2308, H.D. 1 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS (BU 11)

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. The HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State which includes more than 165 Airport Rescue Fire Fighters. HFFA supports H.B. No. 2308, H.D. 1, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items for Unit 11 – Fire Fighters.

The 2011-2017 Bargaining Unit 11 Collective Bargaining Agreement included the provision that four (4) sections that may be reopened by February 27, 2015. As a result of the reopeners, the employer and HFFA concluded negotiations on Section 30 Meals and entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on December 21, 2015. This MOA provides for an increase in the meal allowance and H.B. No. 2308, H.D. 1, is the appropriation vehicle for that cost item. We request your Committee amending the bill to provide for an effective date upon approval.

HFFA appreciates your Committee's favorable consideration of this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.