TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR ON SENATE BILL NO. 1076

February 10, 2015

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 and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees' Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 14 (State law enforcement officers) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this administration proposal, or a similar one, as negotiations are currently in progress and a vehicle bill will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session.



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For Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2015
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By

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(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

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

S.B. No. 1076 provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017.

The Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) is **IN SUPPORT** of this bill.

OCB is in favor of this bill continuing to proceed through the legislative process to ensure adequate funding of negotiated cost items.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.