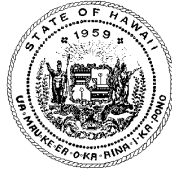


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TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
For Hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2016  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

By

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**Senate Bill Nos. 2835, SD1; 2836 SD1 HD1; and 2837, SD1  
Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items**

**(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)**

CHAIRPERSON LUKE, VICE CHAIR NISHIMOTO AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

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

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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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2837, S.D. 1

March 30, 2016  
2:00 p.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. We note that the Senate draft added a section for excluded employees, but we do not expect additional costs for excluded employees.



## HAWAII FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Testimony by  
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. No. 2837, S.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 S.B. No. 2837, S.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 S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 1, is the appropriation vehicle for that cost item.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We appreciate your Committee's favorable consideration of this measure.