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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2837, S.D. 1

March 11, 2016
10:30 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. We note that the Senate draft added a section for excluded employees, but we do not expect additional costs for excluded employees.



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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.

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TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
For Hearing on Friday, March 11, 2016
10:30 a.m., Conference Room 309

By

JAMES K. NISHIMOTO
OFFICE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

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

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSON NAKASHIMA, VICE CHAIR KEOHOKALOLE AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT:

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.