

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 368 AND 1080

February 5, 2015

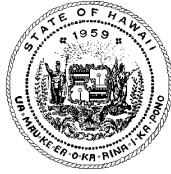
RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

These measures appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments, other cost adjustments, and Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust costs for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees' Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 5 (teachers) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

Although this unit currently has a contract in place through June 30, 2017, the Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, or a similar one, as negotiations regarding re-opener provisions in the contract are currently in progress and a vehicle bill will be necessary should an agreement be reached prior to the end of the legislative session. It is noted that Senate Bill No. 1080 is an Administration measure.

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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
For Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2015
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

By

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**Senate Bill No. 368
Relating to Collective Bargaining**

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

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

S.B. No. 368 appropriates moneys for the collective bargaining cost items of bargaining unit (5) and for cost adjustments for their excluded counterparts.

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.