

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 457, 458, 459, 460, AND 461

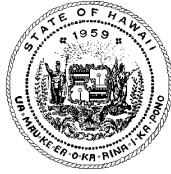
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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

These measures are vehicle bills 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 and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session. The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows (similar administration proposal in parentheses): Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 460 (S.B. No. 1077), Bargaining Unit 2; S.B. No. 459 (S.B. No. 1078), Bargaining Unit 3; S.B. No. 461 (S.B. No. 1079), Bargaining Unit 4; S.B. No. 458 (S.B. No. 1083), Bargaining Unit 8; and S.B. No. 457 (S.B. No. 1084), Bargaining Unit 9.

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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
For Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2015
9:15 a.m., Conference Room 016

By

JAMES K. NISHIMOTO
OFFICE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

**Senate Bill No. 459
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:

S.B. No. 459 appropriates funds for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017 for salary and employer-union health benefits trust fund costs for public employees in collective bargaining unit (3) and for certain employees excluded from collective bargaining.

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.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
February 10, 2015 at 9:15 am Room 016

by

Kalbert Young

Vice President – Budget & Finance & Chief Financial Officer, University of Hawai'i

SB 459 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Judiciary and Labor committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB459, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items. This measure would provide fund authorization and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items on behalf of UH employees represented by unit (3) and their excluded counterparts, pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the State of Hawai'i and the bargaining unit for fiscal biennium 2015-2017.

Thank you for your time and consideration.