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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920,
921, 922, 923, 924, 925 AND 926

February 9, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Room 016

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT 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 and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration 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 and the bill number for the Administration measure for that bargaining unit are as follows: Senate Bill No. 924, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 914, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 915, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 916, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 917, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 918, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 919, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 920, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 921, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 922, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 923, Bargaining Unit 11; Senate Bill No. 925, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 926, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9 a.m., Room 016

by
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SB 919 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** SB 919, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs for Unit (7) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2017-2019.

Government employers in the State are in negotiations with bargaining unit (7) for their new contract to begin July 1, 2017. Once the negotiations and the collective bargaining process concludes this bill may be necessary if additional funding is required.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Thursday, February 9, 2017
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RE: SB 919, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items

Attention: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and
Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urges the committee to **support passage of SB 919** which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for salary costs for public employees in collective bargaining unit (7) and for certain employees excluded from collective bargaining.

UHPA urges the committee to **support SB 919**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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