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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS AND  
WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NOS. 2302, H.D. 1, 2303, H.D. 1, 2306, H.D. 1,  
2307, H.D. 1, AND 2308, H.D. 1

**March 10, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Room 211**

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST  
ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports these Administration measures.

These measures appropriate and authorize emergency appropriations for retroactive increases for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2019-21.

The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows: House Bill No. 2302, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2 (agreement ratified on October 24, 2019); House Bill No. 2303, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3 (agreement ratified on January 8, 2020); House Bill No. 2306, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8 (agreement ratified on October 24, 2019); House Bill No. 2307, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9 (arbitration award issued on September 16, 2019); and House Bill No. 2308, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13 (agreement ratified on October 11, 2019).

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts  
and  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
March 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

by  
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HB 2302 HD1 – MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC  
EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chairs Taniguchi and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ihara and Keith-Agaran, and members of  
the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i  
**supports** HB 2302 HD1, Making Emergency Appropriations for Public Employment  
Cost Items. This bill makes emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost  
items for members of Unit (2) and their excluded counterparts, for fiscal biennium  
2019-2021.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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The Senate  
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Committee on Ways & Means

Testimony by  
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March 6, 2020


H.B. 2302, H.B. 2303, H.B. 2304, H.B. 2306,  
H.B. 2307, H.B. 2308, and H.B. 2309 –  
MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 2302, H.B. 2303, H.B. 2304, H.B. 2306, H.B. 2307, H.B. 2308, and H.B. 2309, each of which provides an emergency funding vehicle to implement collective bargaining agreements for Bargaining Units 02, 03, 04, 08, 09, 13, and 14, respectively.

Bargaining Units 02 (blue collar supervisors), 03 (white collar employees), 04 (white collar supervisors), 08 (administrative, professional & technical employees in the University of Hawaii system), and 13 (professional & scientific employees) each reached settlement agreements with the Employer and unit members ratified their contracts by vote. Bargaining Unit 09 (nurses) proceeded to arbitration and a final & binding decision was rendered on September 16, 2019. Bargaining Unit 14 (law enforcement officers and ocean and water safety officers) recently concluded arbitration proceedings and we are awaiting a final & binding decision from the arbitration panel.

We defer to the Department of Budget & Finance to provide the specific dollar amounts per unit and per fiscal year, as we only have employee information for the members we represent. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the bills.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for Randy Perreira  
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