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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. 2305, H.D. 1, AND 2309, H.D. 1**

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

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

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.

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 2019-21.

The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows: House Bill No. 2305, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 7 (negotiations in progress); and House Bill No. 2309, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 14 (arbitration hearing complete, awaiting award).

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
and

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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HB 2305 HD1 – RELATING TO 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 2305 HD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (7) and their excluded counterparts, for fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

Although a master collective bargaining agreement is effective until June 30, 2021, government employers in the State are in negotiations with bargaining unit (7) pursuant to a “reopener” clause in that agreement. Once negotiations and the collective bargaining process have concluded, this bill may be necessary if additional funding is required.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



The Senate Committees on
Labor, Culture and the Arts
And
Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
11:00 am, Conference Room 211

RE: **HB 2305, HD1 Relating to Public Employment Cost Items (7)**

Attention: Chairs Briand Taniguchi and Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Les Ihara
and Gilbert Keith-Agaran, and members of the respective Committees

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urges the Committees to **support the passage of HB 2305, HD1** which appropriates funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 for members of bargaining unit (07) and their excluded counterparts. This includes the cost of salary adjustments as negotiated.

UHPA urges and appreciates the committees **support of HB 2305, HD1.**

Respectfully submitted,

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