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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 2858, S.D. 1, 2859, S.D. 1, 2862, S.D. 1, 2863, S.D. 1,
AND 2864, S.D. 1

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**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: Senate Bill No. 2858, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2 (agreement ratified on October 24, 2019); Senate Bill No. 2859, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3 (agreement ratified on January 8, 2020); Senate Bill No. 2862, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8 (agreement ratified on October 24, 2019); Senate Bill No. 2863, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9 (arbitration award issued on September 16, 2019); and Senate Bill No. 2864, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13 (agreement ratified on October 11, 2019).

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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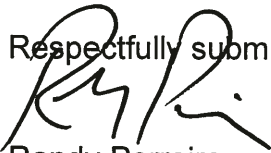
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S.B. 2858, S.B. 2859, S.B. 2860, S.B. 2862,
S.B. 2863, S.B. 2864, S.B. 2865 – RELATING
TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2858, S.B. 2859, S.B. 2860, S.B. 2862, S.B. 2863, S.B. 2864, and S.B. 2865, each of which provides a 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), 08 (administrative, professional & technical employees in the University of Hawaii system), and 13 (professional & scientific employees) each reached settlement agreements with the Employer and 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 Units 04 (white collar supervisors) and 14 (law enforcement officers and ocean and water safety officers) recently concluded arbitration proceedings and we are awaiting a final & binding decision from each unit's 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,

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