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**TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2099, H.D. 1**

**March 14, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
Room 225 and Videoconference**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration proposal, or a similar bill, as a vehicle bill may be necessary to the arbitration award for Hawai'i Firefighters Association Bargaining Unit 11. The arbitration hearing was completed on January 14, 2022, and an arbitration award is expected prior to the end of the legislative session.

This measure appropriates and authorizes appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Testimony by  
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H.B. No. 2099            RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.            LCA, WAM  
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The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of all of our members, **strongly supports H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1** which provides for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 11, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and HFFA for fiscal biennium 2021-2023. As you know, HFFA members provide fire protection and life safety services at the Airports throughout the State of Hawaii.

The Interest Arbitration proceedings concluded on January 14, 2022, closing briefs have been submitted, and the matter is now with the three-member panel. The final and binding decision is expected within the next few weeks.

Thank you for the Committee's favorable consideration of H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1 and for the opportunity to testify.