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Written Comments in Support

HB2355

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

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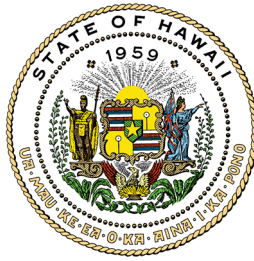
Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon, Chair Luke and members of the Committee. My name is Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, and I am the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit written comments in support of H.B. No. 2355, Making An Appropriation For Public Employment Cost Items.

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate moneys for public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the Senate, House of Representatives, and various legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining for the 2021-2023 Fiscal Biennium.

The Bureau supports this measure and appreciates the Legislature's efforts to ensure that Bureau staff are compensated equitably with their civil service counterparts.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written comments in support of this measure.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. No. 2355,
Making Appropriations for Public Employment Cost Items.**

Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of H.B. No. 2355, which appropriates funds to certain legislative agencies, including the Office of the Auditor, to fund Hawai'i employer-union health benefits trust fund costs and other cost adjustments authorized by chapter 89C, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

We strongly support the continued progress of this bill so that the option to make cost adjustments will continue to be available, should the Legislature determine that such costs items and adjustments are warranted.

We have submitted detailed budget information in our testimony in support of H.B. 2500, the appropriations bill for the legislative branch. Testimony previously submitted to the Committee on H.B. 2500 is available here:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Session2022/Testimony/HB2500_TESTIMONY_FIN_02-03-22_.PDF
(beginning on page 2).

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.B. No. 2355.



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**TESTIMONY OF ROBIN K. MATSUNAGA, OMBUDSMAN,
ON H.B. NO. 2355, A BILL FOR AN ACT
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

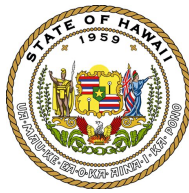
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Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of H.B. No. 2355. The purpose of this bill is to provide appropriations for public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the legislative branch.

Your support and passage of this bill will allow it to serve as a vehicle during this session in the event appropriations are provided for public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the executive and judicial branches.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony and for your support.



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: House Committee on Finance
Bill Number: H.B. 2355
Hearing Date/Time: February 28, 2022, 12:30 p.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission **SUPPORTING**
H.B. 2355, Making Appropriations for Public Employment Cost Items

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") supports H.B. 2355 which appropriates funds to pay for cost items and cost adjustments of legislative employees who are excluded from the collective bargaining process. The Commission supports efforts to ensure its employees are fairly compensated for the services they provide to the State.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Ethics Commission's work and for considering its testimony on H.B. 2355.

Very truly yours,

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