



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 713 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 713, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (3) and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

Although an agreement between the employer and the employees has not yet been reached, this bill serves as a vehicle should such an agreement occur.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & TOURISM  
ON

HOUSE BILL NOS. 325, 326, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 919, 921, 925, 1125, 1126,  
AND 1127

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RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary if an agreement is reached or arbitration award is issued requiring an appropriation prior to the end of the legislative session.

These measures appropriate and authorize appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23.

The bargaining units (BU) addressed in the bills and the bill number for the Administration measure for that BU are as follows: House Bill (H.B.) No. 325 (H.B. No. 915), BU 1; H.B. No. 712 (H.B. No. 916), BU 2; H.B. No. 713 (H.B. No. 917), BU 3; H.B. No. 714 (H.B. No. 918), BU 4; H.B. No. 919 (H.B. No. 919), BU 5; H.B. No. 715 (H.B. No. 920), BU 6; H.B. No. 921 (H.B. No. 921), BU 7; H.B. No. 716 (H.B. No. 922), BU 8; H.B. No. 1125 (H.B. No. 923), BU 9; H.B. No. 326 (H.B. No. 924), BU 10; H.B. No. 925 (H.B. No. 925), BU 11; H.B. No. 1126 (H.B. No. 926), BU 13; and H.B. No. 1127 (H.B. No. 927), BU 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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H.B. 712, H.B. 713, H.B. 714, H.B. 715, H.B. 716, H.B. 1125, H.B. 1126, H.B. 1127 –  
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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 712, H.B. 713, H.B. 714, H.B. 715, H.B. 716, H.B. 1125, H.B. 1126, H.B. 1127 each of which provides a funding vehicle to implement collective bargaining agreements for Bargaining Units 02, 03, 04, 06, 08, 09, 13, and 14, respectively, beginning on July 1, 2021.

Although we have begun the negotiations process with the Employer, no agreements have been reached, therefore all the aforementioned bills contain no appropriations at this time. We respectfully request the Committee to pass these vehicle bills in case we are able to settle our contracts prior to adjournment.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the above referenced measures.

Respectfully submitted,

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