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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
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

**February 11, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Via Videoconference**

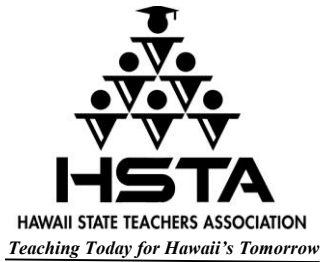
RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

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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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
LABOR & TOURISM

RE: HB 919 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Onishi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports HB 919**, making appropriations for collective bargaining cost items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (5) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is the exclusive representative of the state's 13,700 public school educators and the local affiliate of the 2.2 million member National Education Association. This measure provides a vehicle to fund a collective bargaining agreement for bargaining unit (5) upon ratification of new contract.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.