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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

ON

HOUSE BILL NOS. 325, H.D. 1; 326, H.D. 1; 712, H.D. 1; 713, H.D. 1; 714, H.D. 1;
715, H.D. 1; 716, H.D. 1; 919, H.D. 1; 921, H.D. 1; 925, H.D. 1; 1125, H.D. 1;
1126, H.D. 1; AND 1127, H.D. 1

February 24, 2021

2:00 p.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 may 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.D. 1 (H.B. No. 915), BU 1; H.B. No. 712, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 916), BU 2; H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 917), BU 3; H.B. No. 714, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 918), BU 4; H.B. No. 919, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 919), BU 5; H.B. No. 715, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 920), BU 6; H.B. No. 921, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 921), BU 7; H.B. No. 716, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 922), BU 8; H.B. No. 1125, H.D. 1

(H.B. No. 923), BU 9; H.B. No. 326, H.D. 1 (H.B. No 924), BU 10; H.B. No. 925, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 925), BU 11; H.B. No. 1126, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 926), BU 13; and H.B. No. 1127, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 927), BU 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
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by

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HB 921 HD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 921 HD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (7) 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.



The House Committee on Finance
February 24, 2021
2:00 P.M., Videoconference

RE: **HB 921, HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Attention: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) requests the Committee to **support passage of HB 921, HD1**, which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2021-2023 for salary costs for public employees in the collective bargaining unit (7) and for certain employees excluded from collective bargaining.

UHPA urges the committee to **support HB 921, HD1**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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