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## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 921 – 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 921, 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.

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ON  
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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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RE: **HB 921 Relating to Public Employment Cost Items**

Attention: Chair Richard Onishi, Vice Chair Jackson Sayama and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) requests the Committee to **support passage of HB 921**, 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**.

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Respectfully submitted,