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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078,
1079, 1080, AND 1081

February 5, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Room 225

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration 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 addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill No. 1069, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 1070, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 1071, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 1072, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 1073, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 1074, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 1075, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 1076, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 1077, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 1078, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 1079, Bargaining Unit 11; Senate Bill No. 1080, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 1081, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
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by
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SB 1078 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** SB 1078, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (10) 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 SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Friday, February 5, 2021, 3:00 PM
Conference Room 225

Re: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1078 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW") is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents 1,500 members in the private sector.

UPW **strongly supports** SB 1078 which provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for Bargaining Unit 10 for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Ho
Administrator

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