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**TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON**

**SENATE BILL NOS. 1069, S.D. 1; 1070, S.D. 1; 1071, S.D. 1; 1072, S.D. 1;
1073, S.D. 1; 1074, S.D. 1; 1075, S.D. 1; 1076, S.D. 1; 1077, S.D. 1; 1078, S.D. 1;
1079, S.D. 1; 1080, S.D. 1; AND 1081, S.D. 1**

**February 26, 2021
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Room 211 and Videoconference**

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 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 addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill No. 1069, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 1070, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 1071, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 1072, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 1073, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 1074, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 1075, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 1076, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 1077, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill

No. 1078, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 1079, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 11;
Senate Bill No. 1080, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 1081, S.D. 1,
Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. No. 1079, S.D. 1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. LCA, WAM

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of all of our members, **supports S.B. No. 1079, S.D. 1** which provides for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 11, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and HFFA for fiscal biennium 2021-2023. As you know, HFFA members provide fire protection and life safety services at the Airports throughout the State of Hawaii.

Currently the parties are at the Impasse stage of the collective bargaining process and will be meeting in early March to officially begin discussions on the exchanged proposals.

HFFA appreciates your Committee's favorable consideration of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.