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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. 2782, 2783, 2784, 2785, 2787, 2789, 2791, 2794 AND 2795

January 28, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Room 225 & Videoconference

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, or similar ones, as re-opener 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: Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 2782 (S.B. No. 3059), BU 1; S.B. No. 2783 (S.B. No. 3060), BU 2; S.B. No. 2784 (S.B. No. 3061), BU 3; S.B. No. 2785 (S.B. No. 3062), BU 4; S.B. No. 2787 (S.B. No. 3063), BU 6; S.B. No. 2789 (S.B. No. 3064), BU 8; S.B. No. 2791 (S.B. No. 3066), BU 10; S.B. No. 2794 (S.B. No. 3068), BU 13; and S.B. No. 2795 (S.B. No. 3069), BU 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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S.B. 2783, S.B. 2784, S.B. 2785, S.B. 2787,
S.B. 2789, S.B. 2790, S.B. 2794, S.B. 2795,
S.B. 2796 – RELATING TO PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2783, S.B. 2784, S.B. 2785, S.B. 2787, S.B. 2789, S.B. 2790, S.B. 2794, S.B. 2795, and S.B. 2796, each of which provides a funding vehicle to implement collective bargaining agreements for Bargaining Units 02, 03, 04, 06, 08, 09, 13, 14, and 15 respectively, for the fiscal biennium 2021 – 2023.

On January 15, 2022, our registered professional nurses in bargaining unit 09 ratified a successor 4-year contract, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025. We respectfully request S.B. 2790 be amended to include the appropriate funding amounts and defer to the Employer to provide the cost estimates.

Although we are in the middle of the negotiations process with the Employer, no other units have reached agreement, therefore those respective bills contain no appropriations at this time. We respectfully request the Committee pass these vehicle bills in case we are able to settle our contracts prior to adjournment.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the above referenced measures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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by
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SB 2783 – 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 2783, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (2) 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.