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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 2786 AND 2788

**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. Although these bargaining units (BU) have contracts in place, negotiations are currently in progress for possible contract adjustments/extensions and vehicle bills may be necessary if an agreement is reached 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 BU addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 2786, BU 5 and S.B. No. 2788, BU 7.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



The Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
Friday, January 28, 2022
3:00 pm
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

**RE: SB 2788 Public Employment Cost Items; Collective Bargaining Unit (7);
Appropriation**

Attention: Chair Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. and
Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) requests the Committee to **support passage of SB 2788**, which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2021-2023 for all collective bargaining cost items negotiated for public employees in collective bargaining unit (7) and their excluded counterparts.

UHPA urges the committee to **support SB 2788**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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SB 2788 – 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 2788, 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.