



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 2788 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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.

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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 Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
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RE: **SB 2788 Relating to Public Employment Cost Items**

Attention: Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) respectfully 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 respectfully requests the Committee to **support passage of SB 2788**.

Respectfully submitted,

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