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**TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & TOURISM  
ON  
SENATE BILL NOS. 2783, S.D. 1; 2784, S.D. 1; 2785, S.D. 1; 2787, S.D. 1;  
2789, S.D. 1; 2791, S.D. 1; 2794, S.D. 1; AND 2795, S.D. 1**

**March 17, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
Room 312 and 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 are as follows: Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 2783, BU 2; S.B. No. 2784, BU 3; S.B. No. 2785, BU 4; S.B. No. 2787, BU 6; S.B. No. 2789, BU 8; S.B. No. 2791, BU 10; S.B. No. 2794, BU 13; and S.B. No. 2795, BU 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Labor & Tourism  
March 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

by  
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SB 2789 SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** SB 2789 SD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (8) 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.



**HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**  
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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Labor and Tourism

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 17, 2022

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 appreciate the previous Committee's amendments to S.B. 2790 which now include the appropriate funding amounts.

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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