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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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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
January 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

by
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SB 2791 – 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 2791, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (10) 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.



THE SENATE
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
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Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Friday, January 28, 2022, 3:00PM
Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

Re: Testimony in Support of SB2791 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO (“UPW”) is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents 1,500 members in the private sector.

UPW **strongly supports** SB2791, which appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (10) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

While negotiations remain ongoing between the Union and the Employer, we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the legislative vehicle for our Bargaining Unit 10 members.

Sincerely,

Liz Ho

Administrator

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