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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2792

**February 22, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Room 221 and Videoconference**

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure, or a similar one, as a vehicle bill may be necessary to approve the arbitration award for Hawai'i Firefighters Association Bargaining Unit 11. The arbitration hearing was completed January 14, 2022, and an arbitration award is expected prior to the end of the legislative session.

This measure appropriates and authorizes appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



## HAWAII FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. No. 2792      RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.      LCA, WAM

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of all of our members, **strongly supports S.B. No. 2792** which provides for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 11, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and HFFA for fiscal biennium 2021-2023. As you know, HFFA members provide fire protection and life safety services at the Airports throughout the State of Hawaii.

The Interest Arbitration proceedings concluded on January 14, 2022 and the three-member panel is expected to issue its final and binding decision in late March.

Thank you for the favorable consideration of S.B. No. 2792 and for the opportunity to testify.