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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
**TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI**  
**DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE**  
**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**ON**  
**SENATE BILL NOS. 2783, 2784, 2785, 2787, 2789, 2794 AND 2795**

**February 18, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Room 211 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 bills and the bill number for the Administration measure for that BU are as follows: Senate Bill (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. 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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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawaii  
The Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means

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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 respectfully request S.B. 2790 be amended to include the appropriate funding amounts and defer to the Employer to provide the cost estimates.

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,

Randy Perreira  
Executive Director