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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2796, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

March 31, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance provides comments for this measure.

This measure appropriates and authorizes appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23 for Bargaining Unit (BU) 15 (Ocean Safety and Water Safety Officers). This BU currently has no State employees, so no State appropriations are necessary. The counties will fully fund the costs for this agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
Committee on Finance

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 30, 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 defer to the Department of Budget and Finance for the appropriate cost estimates contained in S.B. 2790.

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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