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HB 1033 HD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 1033 HD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 7 and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2025-2027.

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.

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> March 12, 2025 3:00 p.m. Room 224 and Videoconference

## RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration proposal, or a similar bill, funding the collective bargaining agreement reached between the employer and the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly for Bargaining Unit 7 for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. The agreement was ratified on October 17, 2024.

It should be pointed out that additional appropriations may need to be included in the measure to fund Employer Union Trust Fund contributions for the same period pursuant to the contract re-opener.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



## The Senate Committee on Labor, and Technology March 12, 2025 Room 224 3:00 PM

RE: HB 1033, HD 1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items

Attention: Chair Henry Aquino, Vice Chair Chris Lee and Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), the exclusive bargaining representative for all University of Hawai'i faculty members across Hawai'i's statewide 10-campus system, **support passage of HB 1033, HD 1**, which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 for all collective bargaining cost items negotiated for public employees in collective bargaining unit (7) and their excluded counterparts.

UHPA respectfully requests the Committee to support passage of HB 1033, HD 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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