



JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
DIRECTOR

SABRINA NASIR  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE**  
*Ka 'Oihana Mālama Mo'ohelu a Kālā*  
P.O. BOX 150  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0150

ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH OFFICE  
BUDGET, PROGRAM PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF FEDERAL AWARDS MANAGEMENT

**TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1033**

**February 4, 2025  
9:00 a.m.  
Room 309 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.



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

---

Testimony Presented Before the

House Committee on Labor

February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

By

Kalbert K. Young

Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer

University of Hawai'i System

HB 1033 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Sayama, 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, 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.



The House Committee on Labor & Government Operations  
February 4, 2025  
Room 309  
9:00 AM

RE: HB 1033, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items

Attention: Chair Jackson Sayama, Vice Chair Mike Lee and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) respectfully requests the Committee to **support passage of HB 1033**, 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**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. L. Fern'.

Christian L. Fern  
Executive Director  
University of Hawaii Professional Assembly