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**To:** LABtestimony  
**Subject:** HB1106 Relating to Public Employment  
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This testimony is submitted against HB1106.

The UH Community Colleges has shown an increase of almost 19% in enrollment over the past two years. As faculty members, our workload is increasing. Secondly, we are stretching our capacity to serve the community in order to improve the workforce in our State. We are in the forefront responding positively to the economic situation.

In other words, we are doing a good job and should not be subjected to furloughs. Also, how can the State implement furloughs to faculty members without affecting our students and their program completion or graduation?

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Subject:** Testimony for HB1106 on 2/13/2009 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/13/2009

**Comments:**

We the following employees of Kapa'a Maintenance Facility with the City & County of Honolulu oppose the above stated bill.

As employees of the city & county of honolulu we have been deemed to be essential workers. During times of inciment weather we have been called in to work to serve the needs of the public. We have done what was asked of us to serve public so why are we not important now.

Royden Gandy, Melita Pedrina, Alvin Yoshimura,

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
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Submitted on: 2/13/2009

**Comments:**

We the following employees of Kapa'a Maint. Facility C&C of Honolulu oppose this bill, for the following reason:

This bill effect myself and my family, and my co workers. I have been with the city for 21yrs. and have been deemed an ecential worker on the last storm with the high winds I and my co workers reported to work on time under adverse weather conditions ready to serve the publics needs. Myself and my co workers have lived up to our expectations for the need of the publics support we are asking that you support us now.

Harmon Cravalho, Walter Takahashi, Glenn Fujikawa, Clifton Won, Brandon Ogawa, Dayne Terlep, Don Raquel, Gordon Schilling, and Angel Santiago

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/13/2009

Comments:

I oppose this bill, for the following reason:

This bill effect myself and my family, and my co workers. I have been with the city for 21yrs. and have been deemed an ecential worker on the last storm with the high winds I and my co workers reported to work on time under adverse weather conditions ready to serve the publics needs. Myself and my co workers have lived up to our expectations for the need of the publics support we are asking that you support us now.

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**From:** douglas green [doug\_sue2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2009 6:20 AM  
**To:** LABtestimony  
**Subject:** Re: Bills HB1723 HB1727 HB1725

I oppose any changes to health care coverage as it exist in the current contract. I am a 2 person family with one income and the payment of health benefits as they are now is hard enough to pay with the rent being so high.

I especially oppose these Bills:

HB1106 Furloughing employees - why: changes the in-service time accrued

HB1725 Halt prescription drug coverage under EUTF - why prescriptions are very expensive.

HB1723 Limit employer contribution to 55% .... - why? if medical insurance increases even more then if possible some employees could choose to not have insurance at all or insurance coverage that is not very good and then would rely on hosital emergency rooms for service and not have the ability to pay.

HB1727 Prohibits provision of dental and vision coverage - why? I would rather have dental and vision than I would have medical as I don't go to the doctor that much but use vision every year.

Mary S Green  
County employee

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**From:** Ward [rivergal@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2009 12:37 AM  
**To:** LABtestimony  
**Subject:** CONCERNS RE HB 1106 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Dear Chairperson Rhoads, my name is Deborah Ward and I live in your district and I placed my trust when I voted for you. I work for the Department of Land and Natural Resources and I am a member of HGEA.

I would like to share with Committee on Labor and Public Employees members my concerns on HB 1106, RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

The bill has the "appearance" of supporting public employees by calling for protection of the rights of public employees by preserving health, retirement, leave, and other benefits if furloughs are implemented in fiscal years 2009 to 2013.

And, unlike HB 1725, this bill does not appear to decrease the employer's contribution to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund; but would you change this later on?

My objection to the idea of possible furloughs is this: I'm also a taxpayer. I spend money at local businesses every day to buy food, clothing and other needs.

I don't believe it's fair for the House to be looking at ways to balance the budget on the backs of public employees. I work hard at my job and things are even harder now since vacancies have been frozen and demands for services have increased. I've made a career in public service knowing that my pay may not be as good as in the private sector but I could rely on retirement and health benefits for myself and my family.

I think it's wrong for representatives to take these benefits away from me.

Please look for other ways to balance the budget! Raising the excise tax would be a fairer way to address the state's revenue problem. Everyone paying a little more will mean sharing the burden during these tough times.

Thank you,

Deborah L. Ward

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 2/13/2009

Comments:

To Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony this morning. My name is Judy Kodama. As an RN (public employee) working for Maui Memorial Medical Center for 22 years, I am very upset by the introduction of the HB 1106, introduced by Speaker Calvin Say.

I currently manage a very busy inpatient dialysis unit at Maui Memorial Medical Center. Many of my staff works 16 hours and sometimes work 10 -13 days stretch in order to meet the demands of our very sick kidney diseased patients on Maui. Many times, nurses work additional hours because there is no one experienced to do the job; certain specialized nurses are not readily available and if benefits are cut, many of the staff will definitely leave the island. What would happen to our patients if we were not here to take care of them? Who is going to take care of the patients if we are given furlough? This bill is very disrespectful to the not only the dialysis nurses but to our nursing profession. I also would like to add that nurses need other public employees to assist in caring for these patients. These people may be purchasing clerks, CSR staff, housekeepers, and kitchen workers...all public employees. We cannot do our job if these people are not here to help.

Please reconsider to vote "no" to HB 1106 that potentially put our community in danger. Thank you, again for allowing me to voice my concerns on this House Bill.

Sincerely,

Judy Kodama RN  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 2/12/2009

**Comments:**

I am a public servant, employed with the State of Hawaii, (DOE) and am a single mother of 5.

I work hard at my job and things are even harder now since vacancies have been frozen demands for services have increased, and budgets have been sliced. Personally, I make every effort to spend office budgeted funds, as if they were my own. Prioritizing needs and shopping for the best deal possible, in accordance to guidelines and procedures.

I've made a career in public service knowing that my pay may not be as good as in the private sector but I could rely on retirement and health benefits for myself, just as my grandparents, and father had.

I think it's wrong for representatives to take these benefits away from me. I don't believe it's fair for the House to be looking at ways to balance the budget on the backs of public employees. It seems like an extreme penalty.

Please seek other ways to balance the budget. Everyone should share the burden during these tough times.

Yours truly,  
Lyn Worley