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TESTIMONY ON HB816 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports HB816 that provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 1 and its excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2013-2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.