#### TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR AND WAYS AND MEANS ON HOUSE BILL NO. 820

March 27, 2013

#### MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 for Bargaining Unit 5.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure. A tentative agreement has been reached with the Hawaii State Teachers Association and a ratification vote is scheduled for April 17, 2013.



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## TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

## DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013

# RE: H.B. 820 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

# Person Testifying: WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

To The Honorable Chairs Hee and Ige and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) is the exclusive representative of more than 12, 500 public and charter school teachers statewide. As the state affiliate, of the 2.2 million member National Education Association, HSTA strongly supports HB 820, which provides a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2013-15.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in <u>support of HB 820</u>, which makes appropriations for collective bargaining, cost items for Unit 5.