TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICARY AND LABOR AND WAYS AND MEANS ON HOUSE BILL NO. 822

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 for public employees for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 for Bargaining Unit 7.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure. While reopener talks with the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly have concluded with no action, this vehicle bill could be used for Employer-Union Trust Fund employer contributions pursuant to "favored nations" provisions in the existing contract.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senate Committee on Ways and Means March 27, 2013 at 10:30 AM By Linda K. Johnsrud Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost University of Hawai'i

House Bill 822 – Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items

Chairs Hee and Ige, Vice Chairs Shimabukuro and Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor, and Ways and Means.

The University of Hawai'i supports House Bill 822, the purpose of which is to provide fund authorization and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items to fund the fiscal biennium 2013-2015 for Bargaining Unit 07, faculty of the University of Hawai'i, and their excluded counterparts. The State of Hawai'i, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i and the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly entered into a six year collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2015. The University of Hawai'i is committed to pay for faculty salary restoration and the repayment of deferred faculty salary to be paid in years three to six of this agreement. The negotiated agreement also commits the University to a 3 percent across the board faculty pay raises in years five and six of this agreement, respectively. The University respectfully requests receiving the same commitment from the State for collective bargaining costs with regard to the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly as may be committed by the State for agreements made with other bargaining units.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 822.