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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NOS. 832 AND 834

February 25, 2013

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST  
ITEMS

House Bill Nos. 832 and 834 are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for arbitrated settlements for collective Bargaining Units 9 and 11, respectively, and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2011-13.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration proposals. Interest arbitration proceedings were held in November 2012 and an award is being awaited for Unit 9. An arbitration hearing for Unit 11 is scheduled for March. After issuance of those awards, any cost items will be submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 89-11, HRS. Note that while the arbitration panel cannot make an award concerning Employer-Union Trust contributions, Section 89-11(g) requires the employer to submit its recommendation for contributions to the Legislature. Section 89-11(g) states that the parties shall submit their recommendations for contributions to the Legislature and that the final and binding agreement of the parties on all provisions shall consist of the panel's decision and the amounts of contributions established by the Legislature by enactment, after the Legislature has considered the recommendations for such contributions by the parties.

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H.B. No. 834 MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
COST ITEMS.

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. HFFA represents the 3,100 active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA supports H.B. No. 834, which provides fund authorizations and appropriations for all collective bargaining cost items for salary increases and other wage related costs in the arbitrated settlement for Unit 11 and its excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2011-2013.

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association currently represents 178 Airports Rescue Fire Fighters (ARFF). HFFA's arbitration hearing is scheduled for March, 2013 and hope to have an award from the arbitration panel shortly thereafter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and we respectfully request your support of H.B. No. 834.