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LATE

S.B. 2073, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; S.B. 2074, S.D. 1, H.D. 1;
S.B. 2075, H.D. 1 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 2073, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; S.B. 2074, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 and S.B. 2075, H.D.1, each of which provide a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2013 – 15 for bargaining units 6, 9 and 14, respectively, with a proposed amendment to S.B. 2074.

On February 27, 2014, bargaining unit 09 ratified their collective bargaining agreement and, in accordance with Ch. 89-10(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Employer provided the funding amounts in Governor's Message 245.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the above legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2073, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

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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, other cost adjustments, and Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust costs for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 6 (educational officers) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.

Although the collective bargaining process for this bargaining unit has not yet concluded, the Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session. For your information, the Unit 6 arbitration hearing concluded on March 20, 2014.