TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT ON SENATE BILL NOS. 895, S.D. 1; 896, S.D. 1; 897, S.D. 1; 898, S.D. 1; 899, S.D. 1; 901, S.D. 1; 902, S.D. 1; 903; 905, S.D. 1; 906, S.D. 1; 907, S.D. 1; 909, S.D. 1; 910, S.D. 1 AND 911, S.D. 1

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS/SALARY INCREASES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments, other cost adjustments, and/or Employer-Union Health Benefit Trust Fund costs for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees Association and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, 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. See the listing of the bargaining units included in the bills below:

Senate Bill Nos. 895, S.D. 1, and 896, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill Nos. 906, S.D. 1, and 910, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill Nos. 897, S.D. 1, and 898, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill Nos. 899, S.D. 1, and 901, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill Nos. 902, S.D. 1, and 903, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill Nos. 905, S.D. 1, and 907, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill Nos. 909, S.D. 1, and 911, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13. HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO



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<u>S.B. 895, S.D. 1, S.B. 896, S.D. 1, S.B. 897, S.D. 1, S.B. 898,</u> <u>S.D. 1, S.B. 899, S.D. 1, S.B. 901, S.D. 1, S.B. 902, S.D. 1,</u> <u>S.B. 903, S.B. 905, S.D. 1, S.B. 907, S.D. 1, S.B. 906, S.D. 1,</u> <u>S.B. 901, S.D. 1, S.B. 909, S.D. 1, S.B. 911, S.D. 1 – RELATING</u> <u>TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS</u>

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the above referenced Senate bills, each of which provide a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2013 – 15.

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

Respectfully submitted. Randy Perreira

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