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Testimony by Hawaii Government Employees Association

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## H.B. 2307 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports H.B. 2307 which provides a vehicle to implement a pending collective bargaining agreement for bargaining unit 14 for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017. We anticipate the arbitration panel's decision in late February.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2307.

Respectfully submitted,

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## TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2307

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## MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funding for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Government Employees Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 14 and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this Administration proposal, or a similar one, to fund the arbitration award, which is expected before the end of February 2016. [Note: Act 55, SLH 2015, for Bargaining Units 3 and 4, also provided funding for the employees of this new bargaining unit. This bill is for any additional requirements.]