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**TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16**

March 22, 2016
10:30 a.m.

REQUESTING THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, TO CONDUCT A CONFIDENTIAL VOTE ON WHETHER THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF BECOMING PUBLIC-SECTOR UNIONIZED EMPLOYEES

This measure requests the University of Hawaii (UH) System, with the help of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board, conduct a confidential vote on whether graduate student assistants employed by the UH are in favor of becoming public-sector unionized employees, and report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017.

The Department of Budget and Finance opposes this measure. UH has outlined several reasons why it is best to keep collective bargaining out of the management of these student-employees in their testimony on various bills allowing this group to collectively bargain. The cost implications of allowing graduate students to collectively bargain are a special concern, especially in UH's current fiscal situation.