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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA DIRECTOR, DEPARMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON SENATE BILL NO. 919, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

April 4, 2017 2:00 p.m. Room 308

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate or authorize funds for collective

bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public

employees and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19, for Bargaining

Unit 7, Faculty of the University of Hawaii.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration

measure, as negotiations are currently in progress and a vehicle bill will be necessary

should an agreement be reached prior to the end of the legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Finance Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., Room 308 by Kalbert K. Young Vice President for Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer University of Hawai'i System

WRITTEN ONLY

SB 919 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** SB 919 SD1 HD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs for Unit (7) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2017-2019.

Government employers in the State are in negotiations with bargaining unit (7) for their new contract to begin July 1, 2017. Once the negotiations and the collective bargaining process concludes this bill may be necessary if additional funding is required.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



The House Committee on Finance Tuesday, April 4, 2017 2:00 pm, Room 308

RE: SB 919, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Attention: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen and Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urges the committee to **support passage of SB 919, SD1, HD1** which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for salary costs for public employees in collective bargaining unit (7) and for certain employees excluded from collective bargaining.

UHPA urges the committee to support SB 919, SD1, HD1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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