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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON

SENATE BILL NOS. 914, 915, 916, 918, 920, 921, 925 AND 926, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

March 30, 2017 2:00 p.m. Room 308

#### RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and 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.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration 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. The bargaining units addressed in the bills and the bill number for the Administration measure for that bargaining unit are as follows: Senate Bill No. 914, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 915, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 916, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 918, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 920, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 921, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 925, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 926, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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S.B. 914, 915, 916, 918, 920, 921, 925, and 926 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-ClO strongly supports the passage of S.B. 914, 915, 916, 918, 920, 921, 925, and 926, each of which provides a vehicle funding bill to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2017 – 2019 for the bargaining units we represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the aforementioned bills.

Respectfully gubmitted,

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Executive Director



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SB 920 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 920 SD1 HD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs for Unit (8) 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 (8) 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.