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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1631

May 11, 2020 10:30 A.M. State Capitol Auditorium

RELATING TO STATE BONDS.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports House Bill No. 1631 which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance project appropriations contained in Acts of the Legislature for which the means of funding are designated as general obligation bond funds or reimbursable general obligation bond funds. The bill also provides a declaration of findings with respect to such authorizations as mandated by the State Constitution.

Article VII, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires that as of July 1, 1980, the Legislature shall include a declaration of findings in every general law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. The declaration of findings must state that the total amount of principal and interest, estimated for such bonds and for all bonds authorized and unissued and calculated for all bonds issued and outstanding, will not cause the State debt limit to be exceeded at the time of issuance.

Article VII, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, defines "bonds' to include bonds, notes and other instruments of indebtedness.

The Federal Reserve has established a Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) that will be available as a last resort to meet a State's liquidity needs if the State is able to certify that it is unable to secure adequate credit accommodations from other banking institutions. Eligible notes issued by the State to the Federal Reserve in connection with any borrowings from the MLF will include a penalty rate and will be considered general obligations of the State, secured by the full faith and credit of the State and must be authorized accordingly. Additionally, any borrowing by the State from the MLF on behalf of the counties will remain general obligations of the State and require additional State general obligation bond authorization.

As in previous years, our staff is available to assist the Legislature in refining and completing this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Leng Chang	Testifying for University of Hawaii Hilo	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

_	Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
	michael kato	Testifying for Windward Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I am a community college instructor whose salary is at the poverty level (according to figures from the State of Hawaii). Besides the high cost of living, I am paying off tens of thousands of dollars in student loans and probably will be doing so for the rest of my life. In closing, I would like to say that I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:54:27 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Robert Harrison	Testifying for Kapi'olani Community College	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 6:36:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Leychenko	Testifying for Kapiolani Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1." In the testimony speak to the language provided in the newspaper article, that "I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:24:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Guy Shibayama	Testifying for University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you, Guy T. Shibayama

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:33:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlotte Toguchi	Testifying for Kapiolani Community College	Support	No

Comments:

" am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1." I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.



The Senate Committee on Ways and Means Monday, May 11, 2020 10:30 am, Auditorium, State Capitol

RE: HB 1631, Relating to State Bonds; HB 2200, HD1, Relating to the State

Budget; HB 2725, HD1, Relating to Capital Improvement Projects

Attention: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and members

of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) would like to take the opportunity to **support** each **House Bill** listed above. In reviewing these bills it would appear they have a symbiotic relationship and therefore need to be equally supported.

In these difficult; stressful and trying times, balancing a state budget is a complexity that can provide an opportunity that demonstrates the best of our abilities to support one another. In reviewing these changes it is evident that your committee has worked hard to achieve retaining faculty at all the University of Hawai'i Campuses as we move forward. Your work in this effort is appreciated. Our statewide higher education system will need a skilled workforce to navigate the many complexities that will arise ahead to provide students some much needed stability during these uncertain times.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1631, Reelating to State Bonds; HB 2200, HD1, Relating to the State Budget; HB 2725, HD1, Relating to Capital Improvement Projects

Respectfully submitted,

Christian L. Fern Executive Director

University of Hawaii

Professional Assembly



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Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:35:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Stearns	Testifying for Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

it is important to note that reduction in salaries will mean employees will cut back on consumer spending out of personal budget concerns and from fear of loss of income. It is important to keep consumer spending slowing because of its huge impact on the economy.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:54:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kymberly Hogan	Testifying for Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:21:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karadeen Kam-Kalani	Testifying for University of Hawaii System - Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB 2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. Mahalo nui loa for the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps, and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:22:38 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Jr Quilantang	Testifying for Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 11:48:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



_	Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
	Lawrence L Fee	Testifying for University of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.





The Thirtieth Legislature, State of Hawaii The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by Hawaii Government Employees Association

May 11, 2020

H.B. 1631 – RELATING TO THE STATE BONDS

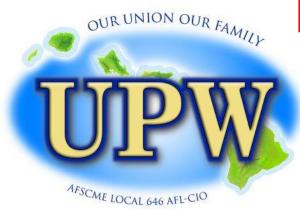
The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO would like to provide comments on H.B. 1631 which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds. However, we sincerely appreciate the Legislature prioritizing our health and safety and addressing the projected budget shortfall with minimal financial impact to the industries that will lead us out of the anticipated recession.

COVID-19 has instantly and dramatically impacted not only our state but the entire world. During this worldwide pandemic, our collective reliance on each other could not be more apparent. Our state must strategize and coalesce behind a multipronged approach to lay the foundation of our financial future, including seeking unrestricted federal funding via a supplemental Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, utilizing the Federal Reserve Bank Municipal Liquidity Facility, transferring money from special funds and underutilized funds, and reviewing funded vacant positions and 89-day contracts.

We strongly oppose and object to Governor Ige's proposed 20% pay cut and furlough plan. Now is not the time to slash the salaries of your frontline employees who are sacrificing their own health and safety to ensure the health and safety of our community. Local and national economists agree that we cannot afford to cut our way to economic stability. The University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization (UHERO), projects that the Administration's proposed 20% salary cut would lead to a staggering \$3.3 billion drop in gross domestic product over the next two years. We continue to emphasize the devastating, and likely permanent, effect that the proposed cuts will have on our economy.

All stakeholders must work in partnership to ensure our economic recovery and we must remain committed to protecting and funding our frontline employees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1631.





THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

The Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2020

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: Monday, May 11, 2020

Time of Hearing: 10:30 a.m. Place of Hearing: Auditorium

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of HB1631 Relating to State Bonds

By Liz Ho ASFCME Administrator United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

The UPW supports HB1631 which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds. We understand that this measure is part of an overall legislative strategy to address the financial shortfall caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



Testimony of the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice Commenting on HB1631 – Relating to State Bonds Senate Committee on Ways and Means Monday, May 11, 2020, 10:30 AM, Auditorium

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on **HB 1631**.

While ordinarily, the state's borrowing is constrained by the state's debt ceiling, we are not so constrained in the face of the current crisis, and the state should make use of this flexibility to secure the resources needed to provide for the needs of our people and to stimulate the economy in a way that promotes a swift recovery from the pandemic.

Section 13 of the Hawaii Constitution allows the legislature to issue bonds without regarding to the debt ceiling during an emergency. First, the opening paragraph of Section 13 states, in pertinent part:

Any bond issue by or on behalf of the State may exceed the debt limit if an emergency condition is declared to exist by the governor and concurred to by a two-thirds vote of the members to which each house of the legislature is entitled.

Section 13 also contains a debt exclusion provision for bonds issued in response to emergencies:

Debt limit; exclusions.

In determining the power of the State to issue general obligation bonds or the funded debt of any political subdivision under section 12, the following shall be excluded:

9. bonds issued by or on behalf of the State to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, to defend the State in war or to meet emergencies caused by disaster or act of God.

The record of development of the Hawai'i Constitution clarifies the appropriateness of exceeding the debt ceiling in response to this crisis. In Standing Committee Report No. 66 of the Constitutional Convention of Hawai'i of 1978, the Committee on Taxation and Finance stated that it was the intention of the convention delegates that the State have a balanced budget. The Standing

Report, however, also clearly notes the relevant exception:

3. That the debt ceiling may be exceeded when an emergency condition is declared by the governor and concurred to by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

This provision is intended to allow the governor and the legislature by mutual agreement to exceed the debt ceiling when an extraordinary emergency exists. Such an emergency might be precipitated by the loss of tax-exempt status for municipal bonds or some other financial catastrophe. Because of the potential for abuse, your Committee believes that such bonds should be issued only in extreme emergencies...It was felt that the two-thirds vote requirement was necessary to avoid any abuses of this provision. It is to be clearly understood that subsequent debt service resulting from the issuance under this emergency condition is not exempt from the debt limit and the provision is not the same as bond issuance permitted under emergency conditions enumerated under the new item (i), the debt service of which is excluded from the state debt. It is your Committee's intent that should the debt limit ever be exceeded under emergency conditions, such limit should not subsequently be routinely exceeded but that the capital improvements program should be thoroughly reviewed and adjusted to appropriate lower levels until the State's debt is brought back within constitutional limits.

Standing Committee Report No. 66, 1 at 655 (1980)

This is in line with one of the Committee of Taxation and Finance 1978 Convention goals: to "provide a debt structure which does not place the State in an untenable position should the State's economy take a downturn." 1 Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of 1978, at 654 (1980).

In this time of crisis, we need to make smart, strategic decisions; save where we can, but avoid harmful across the board cuts; and invest in the things that will preserve the well-being of Hawaii's residents through the crisis, and expedite Hawaii's recovery from it. Borrowing money may be one of the best options for the state right now. Through its new Municipal Liquidity Facility, the Federal Reserve is offering loans to states to help manage cash flow stresses caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The maximum loan amount is 20 percent of general fund revenue, which could be as much as \$3 billion for Hawai'i. Hawai'i would be able to borrow at the lowest possible interest rates, since the state announced last December that it had achieved its best credit rating ever. If we borrow and invest carefully, we can head off the more costly consequences of humanitarian crisis and a drawn out recession.

Thank you for your work on these vital issues. We appreciate your consideration of this testimony.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:36:34 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Maarit Tiirikainen	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Maarit Tiirikainen

Associate Specialist

UH Cancer Center

Dear Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I am testifying in SUPPORT of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1

I am strongly supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Joe W. Ramos, PhD
Professor, Cancer Biology
UH Cancer Center &
B.H. and Alice C. Beams Endowed Professor in Cancer Research
John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:15:10 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Unhee Lim	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200 HD1 and HB2725 HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Unhee Lim

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:44:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Uyeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. Thank you, legislators, for these proposals.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

These bills will stimulate the local economy, and they give us the best chance we've seen so far of making a quick recovery rather than entering the downward spiral that would be caused by austerity measures.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:45:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Matter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members:

I SUPPORT HB1632, HB2200, and HB2725.

I read about this in today's Honolulu Star-Advertiser and I am supportive of this group of bills to fill the \$1 billion shortfall and eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I want to personally thank you all for the hard work you have done to find innovative ways to fill the budget gap and ensure the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Michelle Matter, PhD Hawaii Kai

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:54:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Yavette Charles	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. As a teacher in the public school system I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate all the hard work and understanding of the legislature as we move forward together in these difficult times. I appreciate the legislature looking for alternative means of funding and not just take away from the hard working State employees, specifically teachers who seem to be the scapegoat whenever there is a money shortfall for the State. Thank you.

<u>HB-1631</u> Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:59:09 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Sarah Hadmack	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 1:14:01 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
ivan Wen	Individual	Support	No	ı

Comments:

"I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1." In the testimony speak to the language provided in the newspaper article, that "I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 1:33:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Haidan Wang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm testifying in support of HB1631, HB2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I'm supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 2:56:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Ashley E. Maynard	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. Reports have shown that furloughs or salary reductions for state employees will prolong the economic recovery and make it worse.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. I have been impressed by your creative thinking and your empathy and am very grateful for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Ashley E. Maynard, Ph.D.

Professor, University of Hawaii

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 3:00:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karla Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB 1631, HB 2200, HD 1, and HB 2725, HD1. I am supporting this legislative package that provides for the \$1 billion shortfall and will eliminate the need for furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate this difficult approach legislative leaders are proposing in order to fill the budget gaps while ensuring the stability of public employees who will be critical to any and all efforts to help restart the state's economy by working with Hawai'i residents to re-establish their ability to earn wages and re-build their lives and livelihood. We need to work and move forward together in the face of this extraordinary situation if we are going to re-build and strengthen our state.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 3:11:07 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Candens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:17:16 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Maria Houar	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

"I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:30:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Jaworowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, as well as related bills HB 2200, HD 1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall without the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. This will allow state employees to continue to do their jobs without furloughs and will help us pay our bills and keep contributing to the Hawaii economy, which will be so necessary until our economy builds back up.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:30:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Paul Briggs	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 5:27:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marie Alohalani Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 5:28:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Zerr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 6:27:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Sinnett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Furloughing and/or salary reductions would only lead to a weaker workforce that is unable to provide for their own needs, let alone contribute to the economic recovery.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 6:45:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Steven A. Singer	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I also appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 8:21:07 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antoinette Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 9:44:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
George Wang	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."

George Wang

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Melissa Merritt	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Earl Hishinuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 10:28:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dana Singer	Individual	Support	No	ı

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I also appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 10:42:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Sue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 10:51:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Tuthill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:23:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl A Polley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. This legislation offers a way to ensure stability for public employees in our state while rebuilding a new economy during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. With these three pieces of legislation, the State could find a way forward in meeting the \$1 billion shortfall. It is possible to do this without resorting to furloughs or salary reductions.

In fact, with this legislation, the state will have more options working forward, rather than fewer options. If the governor goes ahead with pay cuts and furloughs of public employees, many of whom are considered in the governor's stay-at-home order as essential workers during the pandemic, such austerity measures could have a further detrimental impact on the state's economic outlook. HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1 offer a better way forward.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of our state workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:28:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MAN YANG	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. This package of legislation can create new ways for the state government to rebuild our state economy and at the same time ensure stability for our state's public employee workforce, meeting the \$1 billion shortfall without pay cuts or furloughs.

Thank you, legislative leaders, for your hard work in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of our public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 12:01:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Andrew Pak	Individual	Support	No	1

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Andrew Pak

Professor, Kapiolani Community College

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 2:38:35 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ross Egloria	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jian Zhou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 5:35:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Harry Davis	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

After reading several news articless on the subject, I ask that you vote in favor of this bill

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 7:05:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa J Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions, especially to essential workers who have continued to perform their work under extremely challenging circumstances. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:10:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Amy Nishimura	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:18:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mindy Case	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:25:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Jacob Tyler	Individual	Support	No	ı

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:39:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynne Wilkens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions for state employees. Many state employees on the front lines of helping Hawaii residents through the pandemic, including health care workers and individuals providing assistance such as processing unemployment benefits. Educators are essential for creating a workforce adaptable to the changing economy. In addition, providing full salaries can be a mechanism for supporting other parts of the state economy. This approach was used to good effect in the downturn of the 1990's. I wish to thank the legislative leaders for carefully thinking through and acting on what is best for the people of Hawaii in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:40:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Balbag-Gerard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB163, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:55:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Prateek Kunwar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:57:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan St John	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:00:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vicky Irion	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a member of a kamaaina family who has taught in the University of Hawaii system since 1953, I am testifying in support of HB1631. I suport the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. As the Hawaii economy recovers, the opportunity for human capital improvement (education) increases, and must be supported. An investment in education is an investment in the future. Unfortunately the pay-back is many years down the road, but please do not lose sight of the long-term goal of healthy economy!

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:02:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	_
Jennifer Maureen Kearns	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Malamĕ , J. Maureen Kearns

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:07:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Drake Zintgraff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. We work hard to provide services to our fellow state residents, this will allow us to continue to put forth our best efforts in helping our community members and state preserver through this difficult time.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:07:49 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Cooney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1 as a package. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I very much appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:13:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
PATRICIA ROLLAND	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:26:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Koo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:28:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stefanie Sasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you, Stefanie Sasaki - Associate Professor/Librarian

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:29:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adrian Franke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you very much,

Adrian Franke, PhD

University of Hawaii Cancer Center

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:32:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alejandro Salinas- Nakanishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:34:36 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Shioko Yonezawa	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Mahalo!

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:35:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Wilkens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Aloha, George Wilkens

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:37:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Kalawaia Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:46:44 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisette Marie Flanary	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I sincerely appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Thank you.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:49:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Franklin Perkins	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I strongly support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. Given the high cost of living in Hawaii, public employees generally already live at the edge of their means and cannot sustain a loss in income. Moreover, money paid to public employees is generally immediately spent, thus circulating through the economy.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:52:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Rachel Adams	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631. I'm supportive of the legislative package that finds way to meet the shortfall without any salary cuts or furloughs for the public sector work force, particularly the education sector. In this time of crisis, cuts to public employees would further stifle the economy and also cause damage to our infrastructure, which would cause future problems as we try to rebuild the economy. The education sector is currently underfunded and only the dedication of educators keeps it going. Salary cuts or furloughs would further drive people out of education, impacting our children, young people, and the future.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:56:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Audrey Mendoza	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:56:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaiulani Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I am grateful that our legislative leaders are working hard to find innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensure the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Mahalo for your service to our communities.

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:59:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Brenda Coston	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

"I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1." In the testimony speak to the language provided in the newspaper article, that "I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:03:14 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Lau Kong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Anna Koo	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Irene Morrow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. We work hard to provide services to our fellow state residents, this will allow us to continue to put forth our best efforts in helping our community members and state preserver through this difficult time.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gretel Sia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalehua Kamakawiwoole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. Education is the backbone of our community and should be supported at all costs. Teacher, as well as other people that work in the educational system, are critical to the future of our community and state. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Mahalo.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Patrick Patterson	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

"I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfalls that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. While I know that State workers are willing to share the pain of our economic situation, they are at this time one of the key engines of our economy, and will be critical to our recovery. Actions like those in these bills to support income will have the effect of maintaining or growing spending and helping the private sector to recover. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Quilantang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teena Michael	Testifying for WCC	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in strong support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I deeply appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.



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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberlee Bassford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Hood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Zhang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Paul Shaffer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. This support would also be beneficial to state and workers in this time of need. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Best, Eric Paul Shaffer

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 11:14:57 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abdul Karim Khan	Testifying for University of Hawaii System	Support	No

Comments:



Submitted on: 5/10/2020 11:47:32 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lenora Loo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I thank you for your time and effort to find ways to fill the budget gaps while ensuring the statbility of the public workforce during these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 7:26:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By Joyce Renken Riley	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Joyce Renken Riley	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Joyce Riley



Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:17:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Kuntz Hood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:34:15 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Hasegawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall to eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of our legislative leaders and encourage all to come together to find and implement innovative ways to bridge the budget gaps in these difficult times.

Ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce is an essential step to meeting the near and long term challenges and needs facing all of us.

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:52:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Zuckernick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:53:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiffany Kawaguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:07:26 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Akana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Kingdon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:15:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelie Augustine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:16:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bennett Zazzera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:23:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Esteban	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:32:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sally Pestana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I strongly support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. History has shown repeatedly that circulating dollars grow more dollars. Those still employed in Hawaii can help bring back a strong economy by contributing to that economy now through their disposable income. Now is not the time to cut salaries. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these extraordinary times.

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Sunyeen Pai	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:51:57 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Sı	ubmitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meli	ssa Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheila T Kitamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:15:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheri Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:15:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Koseki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I strongly support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. History has shown repeatedly that circulating dollars grow more dollars. Those still employed in Hawaii can help bring back a strong economy by contributing to that economy now through their disposable income. Now is not the time to cut salaries. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these extraordinary times.

Aaron Koseki

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Wheatley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gregory Mohnkern	Individual	Support	No

Comments: