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Testimony by Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

H.B. No. 975 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS LAB, FIN

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of all of our members, **strongly supports H.B. No. 975** which provides for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 11, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and HFFA for fiscal biennium 2019-2021. As you know, HFFA members provide fire protection and life safety services at the Airports throughout the State of Hawaii..

The interest arbitration between the HFFA and Employer Group is scheduled to conclude on February 1, 2019 and it is anticipated that the arbitration award will be issued by early April 2019.

HFFA appreciates your Committee's favorable consideration of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

