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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON

SENATE BILL NOS. 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, AND 1081

February 5, 2021 3:00 p.m. Room 225

## RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

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 if an agreement is reached or arbitration award is issued requiring an appropriation prior to the end of the legislative session.

These measures appropriate and authorize appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23.

The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill No. 1069, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 1070, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 1071, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 1072, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 1073, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 1074, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 1075, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 1076, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 1077, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 1078, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 1079, Bargaining Unit 11; Senate Bill No. 1080, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 1081, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
February 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
by
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## SB 1075 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** SB 1075, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (7) and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

Although an agreement between the employer and the employees has not yet been reached, this bill serves as a vehicle should such an agreement occur.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



## The Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts February 5, 2021 Videoconference

RE: SB 1075 Relating to Public Employment Cost Items

Attention: Chair Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. and

Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urges the Committee to **support passage of SB 1075**, which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2021-2023 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 11075**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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