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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON

HOUSE BILL NOS. 919, H.D. 1; 921, H.D. 1; AND 925, H.D. 1, S.D. 1

April 6, 2021 9:30 a.m. Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these measures, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills may 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 (BU) addressed in the bills and the bill number for the Administration measure for that BU are as follows: House Bill (H.B.) No. 919, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 919), BU 5; H.B. No. 921, H.D. 1 (H.B. No. 921), BU 7; and H.B. No. 925, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (H.B. No. 925), BU 11.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Testimony by Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

H.B. No. 925, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.

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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, **supports H.B. No. 925, H.D. 1, S.D. 1** 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 2021-2023. As you know, HFFA members provide fire protection and life safety services at the Airports throughout the State of Hawaii.

Currently the parties are at the Impasse stage of the collective bargaining process and are currently in discussions.

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