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Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Testimony by  
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

H.B. No. 2308                      MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS (BU 11)

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. The HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State which includes more than 165 Airport Rescue Fire Fighters. HFFA supports H.B. No. 2308, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items for Unit 11 – Fire Fighters.

The 2011-2017 Bargaining Unit 11 Collective Bargaining Agreement included the provision that four (4) sections that may be reopened by February 27, 2015. As a result of the reopeners, the employer and HFFA concluded negotiations on Section 30 Meals and entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on December 21, 2015. This MOA provides for an increase in the meal allowance and H.B. No. 2308 is the appropriation vehicle for that cost item.

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

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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2308

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This measure appropriates and authorizes funding for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Firefighters Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 11 and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this Administration proposal to fund the Memorandum of Agreement on meal reimbursements reached during reopener negotiations and executed in December 2015.