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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 923, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

April 4, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Room 308

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate or authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19, for Bargaining Unit 11, Firefighters.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration measure to fund the arbitration award which is expected to be issued prior to the end of the legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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**S. B. No. 923, S.D. 1 H.D. 1 RELATING TTO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST
ITEMS (BARGAINING UNIT 11)**

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active duty and 800 retired fire fighters throughout the State. On behalf of our members, HFFA **strongly supports S.B. No. 923 S.D. 1 H.D. 1**, relating to the provision of appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Bargaining Unit 11.

To update the Committee and members on the arbitration proceedings, the hearing concluded on Friday, February 3, 2017. HFFA is hopeful that the award will be completed prior to the end of the 2017 Session in order to ensure approval by the Legislature.

HFFA appreciates your Committee's favorable consideration of this measure and ask that you **pass S. B. 923, S.D. 1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.