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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 2860, S.D. 1, 2861, S.D. 1, AND 2865, S.D. 1

**February 20, 2020
10:35 a.m.
Room 211**

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 should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session.

These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2019-21.

The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill No. 2860, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4 (arbitration hearing complete, awaiting award); Senate Bill No. 2861, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 7 (negotiations in progress); and Senate Bill No. 2865, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 14 (arbitration hearing complete, awaiting award).

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 20, 2020
10:35 am, Conference Room 211

RE: **SB 2861, SD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items (7)**

Attention: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urges the Committee to **support the passage of SB 2861, SD1**, which appropriates funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 for members of bargaining unit (07) and their excluded counterparts. This includes the cost of salary adjustments as negotiated.

UHPA urges and appreciates the committees **support of SB 2861, SD1**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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SB 2861 SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** SB 2861 SD1, 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 2019-2021.

Although a master collective bargaining agreement is effective until June 30, 2021, government employers in the State are in negotiations with bargaining unit (7) pursuant to a “reopener” clause in that agreement. Once negotiations and the collective bargaining process have concluded, this bill may be necessary if additional funding is required.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.