August 25, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
For Hearing on Monday, August 28, 2017
11:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

By

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Senate Bill No. 2
Relating to Public Employment Cost Items

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSONS TOKUDA AND DELA CRUZ, VICE CHAIRS ENGLISH AND KEITH-AGARAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

This bill provides fund authorization and appropriation for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining units (1) and (10) and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2017 – 2019.

The Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) is IN SUPPORT of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.
SB2 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chairs Tokuda and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs English and Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai‘i supports SB2, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs for Units (1) and (10) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2017-2019.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees in Bargaining Units (BU) 1 and 10 and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this measure.

The employer received notification of ratification by their members for the collective bargaining agreements with BU 10 on August 3, 2017 and BU 1 on August 14, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.
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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB2 Relating to Public Employment Cost items makes appropriations for BU-01 and BU-10 collective bargaining cost items for fiscal biennium 2017-2019. The UPW strongly supports this appropriations measure and asks that the committee pass it.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.