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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON

HOUSE BILL NOS. 1027, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1028, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1029, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1030, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1031, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1032, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1034, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1035, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1036, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1037, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; 1038, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; AND 1039, H.D. 1, S.D. 1

April 1, 2025 10:01 a.m. Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration proposals, or similar bills, as collective bargaining (CB) negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills may be necessary if an agreement is reached requiring an appropriation prior to the end of the legislative session.

These measures appropriate and authorize appropriations for CB cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2025-27.

The bargaining units (BU) addressed in the bills are as follows: House Bill (H.B.) No. 1027, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 1; H.B. No. 1028, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 2; H.B. No. 1029, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 3; H.B. No. 1030, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 4; H.B. No. 1031, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 5; H.B. No. 1032, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 6; H.B. No. 1034, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 8; H.B. No. 1035, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 9; H.B. No. 1036, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 10; H.B. No. 1037, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 11; H.B. No. 1038, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 13; and H.B. No. 1039, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, BU 14.

B&F would like to point out that the bill contains a typographical error in the expenditure ceiling amount listed on page 5, line 12. The amount should be \$8,551,795.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means April 1, 2025 at 10:01 a.m.

By

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HB 1036 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 1036 HD1 SD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 10 and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2025-2027.

Although an agreement between the employer and the employees has not yet been reached, this bill serves as a vehicle should such an agreement occur.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



THE SENATE KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 10:01 AM Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

Re: Testimony on HB1036, HD1, SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW") is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties.

UPW <u>strongly supports</u> HB1036, HD1, SD1, which provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (10) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2025-2027.

While an agreement between the UPW and the Employers has not yet been reached, we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the legislative vehicle for our Bargaining Unit 10 members.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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