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HB 2305 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Johanson, Vice-Chair Eli, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 2305, 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.