

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 2098 HD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 2098 HD1, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for members of Unit (10) and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

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.