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HB 2098 HD1 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** HB 2098 HD1 SD1, 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.

The employer and the employees' union, United Public Workers, reached an agreement and notification of ratification was issued on March 31. Governor's Message No. 15 was transmitted on April 1, 2022 and contains the cost estimates that should be included in the bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.