



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 1353 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** SB 1353, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 8 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.