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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1352

January 31, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Room 224 and Videoconference

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration proposal, or a similar bill, funding the collective bargaining agreement reached between the employer and the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly for Bargaining Unit 7 for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. The agreement was ratified on October 17, 2024.

It should be pointed out that additional appropriations may need to be included in the measure to fund Employer Union Trust Fund contributions for the same period pursuant to the contract re-opener.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
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SB 1352 – 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 1352, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit 7 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 Committee on Labor, and Technology
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RE: SB 1352, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items

Attention: Chair Henry Aquino, Vice Chair Chris Lee and Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) respectfully requests the Committee to **support passage of SB 1352**, which is a measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 for all collective bargaining cost items negotiated for public employees in collective bargaining unit (7) and their excluded counterparts.

UHPA respectfully requests the Committee to **support passage of SB 1352**.

Respectfully submitted,

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