



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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#### SB 915 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** SB 915, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs for Unit (3) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2017-2019.

Government employers in the State are in negotiations with bargaining unit (3) for their new contract to begin July 1, 2017. Once the negotiations and the collective bargaining process concludes this bill may be necessary if additional funding is required.

Thank you for your time and consideration.