SB2835 SD1—MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB2835 SD1, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items. This measure appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items for Unit (8) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2015-2017.

Please be advised that tenets of the arbitration award include payments during the current fiscal year. Therefore, this measure and the associated appropriation should be effectuated as soon as procedurally possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.