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HB 973 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i **supports** HB 973, Relating to Public Employment Cost Items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (9) and their excluded counterparts for fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

Government employers in the State are in negotiations with bargaining unit (9). Once negotiations and the collective bargaining process have concluded, this bill may be necessary if additional funding is required.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.