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HGEA members ratify 2013-2015 contract for Bargaining Units 2, 3 and 4

Hawaii Government Employees Association Units 2, 3 and 4 have voted to ratify a new two-year contract, covering the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

The following bargaining units overwhelmingly ratified their contract:

- Unit 2, blue-collar supervisory employees: 90% accept
- Unit 3, white-collar non-supervisory employees: 86% accept
- Unit 4, white-collar supervisory employees: 89% accept

"The ratification of this contract by Units 2, 3 and 4 signifies the end of four difficult years for our members who stepped up and sacrificed to help our state weather its budget crisis," said HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira. "While the agreement did not achieve all of the goals we set and fails to provide all that is due to our members, this is a step forward toward improving the standard of living of these government employees and recognizing the valuable services that they provide to our community every day."

Ratification meetings for Units 2, 3 & 4 were held at various sites statewide April 22 through April 24.

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HGEA's Unit 8 earlier today reached a tentative agreement with the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. The Unit 8 ratification meetings will be held statewide starting tomorrow, April 25.

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Membership counts by units:

- Unit 2, blue-collar supervisory employees: 800 employees
- Unit 3, white-collar non-supervisory employees: 14,053 employees
- Unit 4, white-collar supervisory employees: 856 employees

About HGEA

HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in seven bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.