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HGEA Unit 9 Members Ratify 2015-2017 Contract

HONOLULU – Hawaii Government Employees Association Unit 9 members (registered professional nurses) voted to ratify a new two-year contract, covering the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

The ratification vote breaks down as follows:

- Unit 9, registered professional nurses: 655 accept (more than 99%); 2 reject (less than 1%)

"The ratification of this contract by Unit 9 members is a step in the right direction as we work to close the wage gap between public sector nurses and those in the private sector," said HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira. "HGEA nurses provide excellent care to their patients and dedicate their lives to their profession."

Highlights of the terms include:

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- Continuation of step movement plan
- 4% across-the-board wage increase
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- 4% across-the-board for employees not assigned to salary schedule (SR NA)
- EUTF – employer increases its portion of medical cost per month by an additional \$10 for single, \$20 for two-party, and \$30 for family plan (employer pays \$228.38 - self; \$545.10 – two-party; \$704.28 - family)

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Ratification meetings for Unit 9 were held at various sites statewide from April 6 through April 13.

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About HGEA: HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for public employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in eight 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.