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**HGEA members ratify 2011-2013 contract for
Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 13;
Unit 9 members reject their contract**

Six of seven Hawaii Government Employees Association bargaining units have voted to ratify a new two-year contract, covering the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

The following bargaining units ratified their contract:

- **Unit 2, blue-collar supervisory employees:** 192 accept; 156 reject
- **Unit 3, white-collar non-supervisory employees:** 4,618 accept; 3,151 reject
- **Unit 4, white-collar supervisory employees:** 248 accept; 184 reject
- **Unit 6, educational officers:** 171 accept; 65 reject
- **Unit 8, administrative, professional and technical University of Hawaii employees:** 713 accept; 329 reject
- **Unit 13, professional and scientific employees:** 2,935 accept; 1,492 reject

Unit 9 members voted to reject their contract:

- **Unit 9, registered professional nurses:** 392 accept; 509 reject

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HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira said, "These agreements were difficult for our members in Units 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 13 to accept, given that for the past two years, they have been doing 'their share' by enduring significant cuts in pay, as well as working in environments with reduced staffing and resources. It is clear that government employees have been sharing much of the load of balancing the state's budget, and they are frustrated that little seems to have been done to ensure that our state budget will be solidly balanced with sufficient revenue to provide for government operations.

"A significant number of Unit 9 members are unhappy with the tentative agreement reached with their employers and have voted not to accept the contract. This is a clear reflection of the fact that wages for registered nurses in the public hospital system are woefully behind the private sector, and our public hospitals — which provide the bulk of acute care services on the neighbor islands — is simply not in a competitive situation with private facilities. It is our hope that as we return to the bargaining table, the State Administration and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation take a realistic approach to bargaining a fair agreement with their nurses, or risk losing more staff because of the pay gap they are enduring."

Ratification meetings were held at various sites statewide April 18-21 and April 25.

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Membership counts by units (total 28,124 bargaining unit members):

- **Unit 2, blue-collar supervisory employees:** 796 employees
- **Unit 3, white-collar non-supervisory employees:** 14,096 employees
- **Unit 4, white-collar supervisory employees:** 817 employees
- **Unit 6, educational officers:** 800 employees
- **Unit 8, administrative, professional and technical University of Hawaii employees:** 2,127 employees
- **Unit 9, registered professional nurses:** 1,561 employees
- **Unit 13, professional and scientific employees:** 7,927 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.