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### **HGEA members ratify 2013-2015 contract for Bargaining Unit 9**

Hawaii Government Employees Association's Unit 9 members overwhelmingly ratified a new two-year contract, covering the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, with 99% voting to accept the agreement.

The terms of the agreement include the following:

- Effective January 1, 2014, 4 percent salary increase
- Effective July 1, 2014, 4.3 percent salary increase
- Placement of employees on their appropriate step and continuation of the step movement plan
- 60 percent/40 percent employer/employee split on the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) health insurance premium

"We recognize the hard work of our Unit 9 negotiation team that helped to secure a contract that is fair and equitable to our members," said Executive Director Randy Perreira. "We commend the dedication and commitment of our professional nurses for their invaluable service they provide everyday in our safety net healthcare facilities and our community."

HGEA's Unit 9 membership consists of nearly 1,700 registered professional nurses.

Ratification meetings for Unit 9 were held statewide from February 14 to February 27, 2014.

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#### **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 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.