

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 902

S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 902, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a legislative means to fund the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund costs for employees in collective bargaining unit (8) and their excluded counterparts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that the State and the exclusive representative of collective bargaining unit (8) are currently in negotiations for an agreement to fund Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund cost items for fiscal biennium 2013-2015 and that this measure is necessary to appropriate funds for the expected costs of that agreement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 902, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



