

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 23**, 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2515  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2515, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the statutory authority for department heads to establish and abolish any subordinate position engaged in a special, research, or demonstration project that is approved by the Governor.

The Office of the Governor, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Human Resources Development, Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Public Safety, Department of Defense, Office of Enterprise Technology Services, and Department of Health opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating the previously repealed statutory hiring authority for department heads; provided that the



authority applies only to positions created using federal funds;

- (2) Establishing a cap for the number of special, research, and demonstration project positions created as a percentage of the total number of public employees;
- (3) Requiring the Governor to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the special, research, or demonstration project positions created and abolished each year and their means of financing; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2515, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2515, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
AARON LENG JOHANSON, Chair



