

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2785

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2785 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate or authorize funds for fiscal biennium 2021-2023 for collective bargaining cost items including salary and other cost adjustments for the members of collective bargaining unit (4) and their excluded counterparts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the negotiations for collective bargaining agreements for bargaining unit (4) are currently in progress. This measure provides a legislative vehicle that can be used if an agreement is reached or an arbitration award is issued prior to the end of the 2022 Regular Session.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2785 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor, Culture and
the Arts,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



