

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2796  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2796, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose 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 (15) and their excluded counterparts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides a legislative vehicle that can be used if a collective bargaining agreement is reached or an arbitration award is issued prior to the end of the Regular Session of 2022.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the lapsing provision to clarify that funds appropriated or authorized



for fiscal year 2021-2022 shall not lapse until the end of fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2796, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2796, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Tourism,

  
RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



