

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3137

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2655  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2655, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make appropriations for public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the Senate, House of Representatives, State Ethics Commission, Office of the Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, and Office of the Ombudsman, who are excluded from collective bargaining.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Ombudsman, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, Legislative Reference Bureau, and Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that many legislative officers and employees do not have the same benefits, including salary adjustments, as other State employees who are in collective bargaining units. This measure provides a legislative vehicle to make appropriations should the Legislature determine, prior to the end of the 2024 Regular Session, that public employment cost items and cost adjustments are warranted for legislative officers and

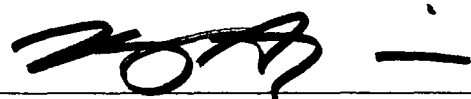


employees to ensure that they are compensated equitably with their civil service counterparts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2655, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2655, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor and  
Technology,



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HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Labor and Technology**  
**LBT**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 2455 HDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>LBT, YAM</i>	Date: <i>9/19/24</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**