STAND. COM. REP. NO. <u>3321</u> Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 2858 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2858, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make emergency appropriations for immediate passage in accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii for collective bargaining unit cost items, salary adjustments, and other cost items for public employees in collective bargaining unit (2) and their excluded counterparts for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, University of Hawaii, and Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that the settlement agreement between the exclusive representative of collective bargaining unit (2) and the public employer was completed and ratified without sufficient time to be included in the General Appropriations Act of 2019. Accordingly, it is necessary to submit a separate measure to appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 to cover the cost items and adjustments for this collective bargaining unit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2858, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways
and Means,
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair