STAND. COM. REP. NO. <u>2814</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 Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2858 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 an emergency appropriation 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 testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawaiâ€ïi System; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152

Your Committee finds that settlement agreements between the exclusive representatives of the collective bargaining unit and the public employer were completed and ratified by the collective bargaining unit without sufficient time to be included in or after the adoption by the Legislature of the General Appropriations Act of 2019. Accordingly, it is necessary to submit a separate appropriations measure to cover the cost items and adjustments for this collective bargaining unit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2858, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2858, 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, Culture and the Arts,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair