

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1184
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: H.B. No. 715
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 715, H.D. 1, 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 public employees in collective bargaining unit (6) and their excluded counterparts.

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

Your Committee finds that negotiations between the exclusive representative of collective bargaining unit (6) and the public employer are currently in progress. Allowing this measure to advance through the legislative process provides a vehicle to appropriate or authorize necessary funds if an agreement is reached or an arbitration award is issued prior to the end of the Regular Session of 2021.

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 H.B. No. 715, H.D. 1, 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