STAND. COM. REP. NO. <u>816</u> Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 1074 S.D. 2

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1074, S.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 make appropriations and allocations for fiscal biennium 2021-2023 for collective bargaining cost items, salary adjustments, and other cost items for public employees in collective bargaining unit (6) and their excluded counterparts.

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

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 necessary funds if an agreement is reached or an arbitration award is issued prior to the end of the 2021 Regular Session.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 1074, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1074, S.D. 2.

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,