

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2258**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2556

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2556 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ANNUAL  
REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION FOR THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH  
BENEFITS TRUST FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the Department of Budget and Finance for the payment of  
the annual required contribution for the Hawaii Employer-Union  
Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Budget and Finance and University of Hawaii  
Professional Assembly. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees  
Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health  
Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Employer-Union Health  
Benefits Trust Fund provides benefits to active and retired  
beneficiaries of the fund. Implementation of this measure will  
reduce the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the fund and  
help ensure that fund benefits continue to be available to all  
beneficiaries.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,

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your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2556 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 Judiciary and  
Labor,

  
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GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



