Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1556

H.D. 2 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for permanent positions within the Employee Staffing Division of the Department of Human Resources Development for the recruitment and retention of state employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that recent loss of authorized staffing positions within the Employee Staffing Division of the Department of Human Resources Development has led to large delays in filling vacant State positions. The Department has also seen a significant increase in applications received for positions throughout the State. This measure will reduce the delay in filling state positions by increasing the number of staff to process applications.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 2, 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 and Technology,

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The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused	
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)		X				
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		X				
IHARA, Jr., Les						
LEE, Chris		X	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
FEVELLA, Kurt		X				
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