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GOVERNOR
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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Speaker Nakamura:

Arbitration awards (University of Hawai'i and other State Executive Branch departments) have been issued concerning United Public Workers (UPW) class action grievances for Units 1 (Blue Collar Employees) and 10 (Institutional, Health, and Correctional Workers) relating to temporary hazard pay (THP) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided for these awards by Act 29, SLH 2025. However, the appropriations are insufficient to cover the balance of requirements, so additional funding is being requested. Additionally, the supplemental award issued for employees of the other State Executive Branch departments is final. The amounts do not include funding for an agreement or arbitration award for the Department of Education, as not all matters have been resolved.

The following is a summary of the included and excluded requirements of the arbitration awards for the current fiscal biennium being transmitted to the Legislature for appropriation:

	<u>FY 26</u>
<u>Salaries and Fringe</u>	
General	\$66,795,019
Interdepartmental Transfers	306,532
Revolving	<u>203,736</u>
Total	\$67,305,287

Attached are proposed drafts Senate Bill No. 3090, S.D. 2, and House Bill No. 2271, H.D. 2, which have been updated to reflect the above noted estimated collective bargaining amounts.

Mahalo,



Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Attachments

c: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Honorable Chris Todd

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST
ITEMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
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4 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

5 PART II

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9 PART III

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11 in this Act for any officer or employee whose compensation is
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Report Title:

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