
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 377, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§377- Streamlining union certification. (a) When an
5 employee, group of employees, or any individual or labor
6 organization acting on their behalf, files a petition alleging
7 that a majority of employees in a unit appropriate for the
8 purposes of collective bargaining wish to be represented by an
9 individual or labor organization for those purposes, the board
10 shall investigate the petition. If the board finds that a
11 majority of the employees in a unit appropriate for bargaining
12 have signed valid authorizations designating the individual or
13 labor organization specified in the petition as their bargaining
14 representative, and that no other individual or labor
15 organization is currently certified or recognized as the
16 exclusive representative of any of the employees in the unit,
17 the board shall certify the individual or labor organization as



1 the representative without directing an election similar to that
2 under section 377-1(11).

3 (b) The board shall adopt rules governing the
4 certification of an exclusive representative under this section
5 and shall have the final determination on any controversy
6 concerning the eligibility of an employee to sign an
7 authorization card and the validity of an employee's signature
8 on an authorization card.

9 (c) For the purposes of this section, the term "employee"
10 means an employee as defined in section 377-1; provided that the
11 employee is employed by an employer with an annual gross revenue
12 of more than \$5,000,000."

13 **§377- Facilitating initial collective bargaining**

14 **agreements.** (a) No later than ten days after receiving a
15 written request for collective bargaining from an individual or
16 labor organization that has been newly organized or certified as
17 a representative, the parties shall meet and commence to bargain
18 collectively and shall make every reasonable effort to conclude
19 and sign a collective bargaining agreement.

20 (b) If, after the expiration of the ninety-day period
21 beginning on the date on which bargaining commenced, or such
22 additional period as the parties may agree upon, the parties



1 have failed to reach an agreement, either party may notify the
2 board of the existence of a dispute and request conciliation
3 under section 377-3.

4 (c) If, after the expiration of the twenty-day period
5 beginning on the date on which the request for conciliation is
6 made under subsection (b), or such additional period as the
7 parties may agree upon, the conciliator is not able to bring the
8 parties to agreement by conciliation, the board shall refer the
9 dispute to an arbitration panel established in accordance with
10 section 89-11(e) (2) (A) and rules as may be prescribed by the
11 board. The arbitration panel shall render a decision settling
12 the dispute, and the decision shall be binding upon the parties
13 for a period of two years, unless amended during that period by
14 written consent of the parties."

15 SECTION 2. Section 377-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

17 "(d) After the final hearing, the board shall promptly
18 make and file an order or decision, incorporating findings of
19 fact upon all the issues involved in the controversy and the
20 determination of the rights of the parties. Pending the final
21 determination of the controversy the board may, after hearing,
22 make interlocutory orders which may be enforced in the same



1 manner as final orders. Final orders may dismiss the complaint
2 or require the person complained of to cease and desist from the
3 unfair labor practices found to have been committed, suspend the
4 person's rights, immunities, privileges, or remedies granted or
5 afforded by this chapter for not more than one year, and require
6 the person to take [~~such~~] affirmative action, including
7 reinstatement of employees [~~with or without pay, as the board~~
8 ~~may deem proper.~~] and make orders in favor of employees making
9 them whole, including back pay with interest, costs, and
10 attorneys' fees. Any order may further require the person to
11 make reports from time to time showing the extent to which the
12 person has complied with the order. Furthermore, an employer or
13 employee who wilfully or repeatedly commits unfair or prohibited
14 practices that interfere with the statutory rights of an
15 employer or employees or discriminates against an employer or
16 employees for the exercise of protected conduct shall be subject
17 to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation. In
18 determining the amount of any penalty under this section, the
19 board shall consider the gravity of the unfair or prohibited
20 practice and the impact of the practice on the charging party,
21 on other persons seeking to exercise rights guaranteed by this
22 section, or on public interest."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.



H.B. NO. 952
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
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Report Title:

Labor Unions; Private Sector

Description:

Certifies entities as exclusive representatives without an election where no other representatives are certified as the exclusive bargaining representatives for employers with an annual gross revenue of \$5 million or more. Requires immediate collective bargaining between parties once entities are certified as exclusive representatives. Makes it a violation for an employer or employee to commit unfair or prohibited practices interfering with an employer's or employee's statutory rights or discriminating against an employer or an employee for exercising protected conduct, subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation. Effective July 1, 2009. (HB952 CD1)

