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H.B. 696 – RELATING TO  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN  
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

The Hawaii Government Employees Association has concerns about the purpose and intent of H.B. 696. The bill proposes to amend Chapter 89, HRS, to establish a new bargaining unit comprised of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation employees. Doing so will complicate negotiations and create confusion by mixing employees who are currently in separate bargaining units into one unit.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns about H.B. 696.

Respectfully submitted,

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