## SB2671



Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Thursday, February 9, 2012 9:30 a.m.

## SB 2671, Relating to Collective Bargaining.

Dear Chairman Hee and Committee Members:

On behalf of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), our union supports SB 2671 to ensure that the Hawaii Labor Relations Board has the ability to employ the appropriate personnel to support the work of the agency in meeting their responsibility to ensure the rights to collective bargaining are protected and advanced. This agency must be able to effectively operate. As an administrative agency it provides the necessary vehicle for resolving labor disputes without having to increase the workload of the Circuit Courts.

UHPA notes that over the course of the last few years, there has been an increase in complex issues needing the assistance of the HLRB. These are time intensive and strain the resources of the agency meaning that justice is delayed. UHPA supports the increase of resources to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

UHPA urges the Committee to support SB 2671.

Respectively submitted,

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