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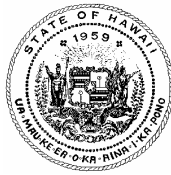
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TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

For Hearing on Friday, February 8, 2013
8:30 a.m., Conference Room 325

BY
BARBARA A. KRIEG, DIRECTOR

House Bill No. 194
Relating to Historic Preservation

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSONS CINDY EVANS AND CHRIS LEE AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEES:

The purpose of HB 194 is to require the historic preservation officer to meet professional qualification standards established by the United States Secretary of the Interior, and to require the governor to notify the legislature of the state historic preservation officer's appointment.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) has no position on the outcome of this bill, but offers **comments** regarding the conversion of exempt employees to civil service. DHRD has policies and procedures in place for the appointment of exempt employees to replacement civil service positions; therefore, only those employees who are eligible for appointment to civil service positions without competition, should be converted to civil service, in accordance with established policies and procedures.

In order to maintain consistency and fairness to all employees, we respectfully recommend that the language in Section 5 of the bill be replaced with the following:

“SECTION 5. Each position exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, assigned to the department of land and natural resources state historic preservation division, except for the division administrator position, shall be converted to a civil service position pursuant to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Employees who occupy exempt positions and are eligible to be appointed to replacement civil service positions without competition, shall be so appointed, and will serve an initial probation period, in accordance with established policies and procedures. Employees who are not eligible to be appointed to replacement civil service positions may apply through an open-competitive recruitment, if one is conducted. All employees who occupied exempt positions and are appointed to a civil service position shall not suffer any loss of vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, and other rights, benefits and privileges, in accordance with state personnel laws and this Act; provided that the employee possesses the minimum qualifications and public employment requirements for the class or position to which appointed; provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.