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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR

For Hearing on Friday, February 1, 2013
10:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

BY

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Senate Bill No. 868
RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

TO CHAIRPERSON CLAYTON HEE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 868.

S.B. No. 868 proposes to require the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to provide written notice of a hearing to all parties by first class mail at least fifteen days before the scheduled hearing, in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes §89.

The Office of Collective Bargaining **supports** this bill because it streamlines the notification process at reduced administrative expense.

It is the hope of the Office of Collective Bargaining that this is a first step in moving towards electronic filing and a "paperless" system at the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. We understand that wish is beyond the scope of S.B. No. 868, but this bill should be considered a step in that direction.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.



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January 30, 2013

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair,
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Date: Friday, February 1, 2013

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 016, State

From: Dwight Y. Takamine, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.B. No. 868 Relating to Collective Bargaining

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify the procedure for using first class mail by the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB) to notify parties of a hearing, notwithstanding section 91-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The bill also amends section 89-9, HRS, by repealing wording that is not in effect and updating statutory references.

- The department strongly supports this proposal.

II. CURRENT LAW

Current law requires the Board to use registered or certified mail to notice the parties.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

The proposal would permit the HLRB to more efficiently allocate resources. The money from the postage savings would be used in developing an electronic filing system and is the first step in HLRB's strategic planning efforts to move the agency into the digital age with a goal towards paperless litigation and electronic filing and document management.

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Gary W. Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB868 needs to be held because: 1. The issue or negotiations of health benefit plan cost is provided in SB 1373 and SB1375. 2. Recent and current negotiations of collective bargaining agreements relative to cost of health benefits need to be reviewed and the opportunity is provided in SB1373 and SB1375.

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