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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to allow graduate  
2 students employed by the University of Hawaii to collectively  
3 bargain.

4           SECTION 2. Section 89-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended as follows:

6           1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

7           "(a) All employees throughout the State within any of the  
8 following categories shall constitute an appropriate bargaining  
9 unit:

- 10           (1) Nonsupervisory employees in blue collar positions;  
11           (2) Supervisory employees in blue collar positions;  
12           (3) Nonsupervisory employees in white collar positions;  
13           (4) Supervisory employees in white collar positions;  
14           (5) Teachers and other personnel of the department of  
15 education under the same pay schedule, including part-  
16 time employees working less than twenty hours a week  
17 who are equal to one-half of a full-time equivalent;



- 1 (6) Educational officers and other personnel of the
- 2 department of education under the same pay schedule;
- 3 (7) Faculty of the University of Hawaii and the community
- 4 college system;
- 5 (8) Personnel of the University of Hawaii and the
- 6 community college system, other than faculty;
- 7 (9) Registered professional nurses;
- 8 (10) Institutional, health, and correctional workers;
- 9 (11) Firefighters;
- 10 (12) Police officers;
- 11 (13) Professional and scientific employees, who cannot be
- 12 included in any of the other bargaining units; [and]
- 13 (14) State law enforcement officers and state and county
- 14 ocean safety and water safety officers[-]; and
- 15 (15) Graduate student assistants employed by the University
- 16 of Hawaii."

17 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

18 "(d) For the purpose of negotiating a collective

19 bargaining agreement, the public employer of an appropriate

20 bargaining unit shall mean the governor together with the

21 following employers:



- 1           (1) For bargaining units (1), (2), (3), (4), (9), (10),  
2                   (13), and (14), the governor shall have six votes and  
3           the mayors, the chief justice, and the Hawaii health  
4           systems corporation board shall each have one vote if  
5           they have employees in the particular bargaining unit;  
6           (2) For bargaining units (11) and (12), the governor shall  
7           have four votes and the mayors shall each have one  
8           vote;  
9           (3) For bargaining units (5) and (6), the governor shall  
10           have three votes, the board of education shall have  
11           two votes, and the superintendent of education shall  
12           have one vote; and  
13           (4) For bargaining units (7) [~~and~~], (8), and (15), the  
14           governor shall have three votes, the board of regents  
15           of the University of Hawaii shall have two votes, and  
16           the president of the University of Hawaii shall have  
17           one vote.
- 18 Any decision to be reached by the applicable employer group  
19 shall be on the basis of simple majority, except when a  
20 bargaining unit includes county employees from more than one



1 county. In that case, the simple majority shall include at  
2 least one county."

3 3. By amending subsection (f) to read:

4 "(f) The following individuals shall not be included in  
5 any appropriate bargaining unit or be entitled to coverage under  
6 this chapter:

7 (1) Elected or appointed official;

8 (2) Member of any board or commission; provided that  
9 nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a member of a  
10 collective bargaining unit from serving on a governing  
11 board of a charter school, on the state public charter  
12 school commission, or as a charter school authorizer  
13 established under chapter 302D;

14 (3) Top-level managerial and administrative personnel,  
15 including the department head, deputy or assistant to  
16 a department head, administrative officer, director,  
17 or chief of a state or county agency or major  
18 division, and legal counsel;

19 (4) Secretary to top-level managerial and administrative  
20 personnel under paragraph (3);



- 1 (5) Individual concerned with confidential matters
- 2 affecting employee-employer relations;
- 3 (6) Part-time employee working less than twenty hours per
- 4 week, except part-time employees included in unit
- 5 (5) [~~7~~] and part-time graduate student assistants
- 6 employed by the University of Hawaii;
- 7 (7) Temporary employee of three months' duration or less;
- 8 (8) Employee of the executive office of the governor or a
- 9 household employee at Washington Place;
- 10 (9) Employee of the executive office of the lieutenant
- 11 governor;
- 12 (10) Employee of the executive office of the mayor;
- 13 (11) Staff of the legislative branch of the State;
- 14 (12) Staff of the legislative branches of the counties,
- 15 except employees of the clerks' offices of the
- 16 counties;
- 17 (13) Any commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Hawaii
- 18 national guard;
- 19 (14) Inmate, kokua, patient, ward, or student of a state
- 20 institution;



1 (15) Student help[7], except a graduate student assistant  
2 employed by the University of Hawaii;

3 (16) Staff of the Hawaii labor relations board;

4 (17) Employees of the Hawaii national guard youth challenge  
5 academy; or

6 (18) Employees of the office of elections."

7 SECTION 3. Section 89-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 "(d) If an impasse exists between a public employer and  
10 the exclusive bargaining representative of bargaining unit (1),  
11 nonsupervisory employees in blue collar positions; bargaining  
12 unit (5), teachers and other personnel of the department of  
13 education; or bargaining unit (7), faculty of the University of  
14 Hawaii and the community college system[7]; or bargaining  
15 unit(15), graduate student assistants employed by the University  
16 of Hawaii, the board shall assist in the resolution of the  
17 impasse as follows:

18 (1) Voluntary mediation. During the first twenty days of  
19 the date of impasse, either party may request the  
20 board to assist in a voluntary resolution of the  
21 impasse by appointing a mediator or mediators,



- 1 representative of the public from a list of qualified  
2 persons maintained by the board;
- 3 (2) Mediation. If the impasse continues more than twenty  
4 days, the board shall appoint a mediator or mediators  
5 representative of the public from a list of qualified  
6 persons maintained by the board, to assist the parties  
7 in a voluntary resolution of the impasse. The board  
8 may compel the parties to attend mediation, reasonable  
9 in time and frequency, until the fiftieth day of  
10 impasse. Thereafter, mediation shall be elective with  
11 the parties, subject to the approval of the board;
- 12 (3) Report of the board. The board shall promptly report  
13 to the appropriate legislative body or bodies the  
14 following circumstances as each occurs:
- 15 (A) The date of a tentative agreement and whether the  
16 terms thereof are confidential between the  
17 parties;
- 18 (B) The ratification or failure of ratification of a  
19 tentative agreement;
- 20 (C) The signing of a tentative agreement;
- 21 (D) The terms of a tentative agreement; or



1 (E) On or about the fiftieth day of impasse, the  
2 failure of mediation.

3 The parties shall provide the board with the requisite  
4 information; and

5 (4) After the fiftieth day of impasse, the parties may  
6 resort to [~~such~~] other remedies that are not  
7 prohibited by any agreement pending between them,  
8 other provisions of this chapter, or any other law."

9 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059;  
15 provided that the collective bargaining unit established by this  
16 Act shall not be authorized to form until July 1, 2017, to allow  
17 the collective bargaining unit sufficient time to organize and  
18 plan.





**Report Title:**

Collective Bargaining; Graduate Student Assistants; University of Hawaii

**Description:**

Establishes a collective bargaining unit for graduate student assistants employed by the University of Hawaii. Delays formation of the graduate student assistant collective bargaining unit until 7/1/2017. (SB2398 HD2)

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