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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair,
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Time: 02:45 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 229 State Capitol

From: Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB) Department of Labor & Industrial
Relations

Re: S.B. No. 2367 Relating to Occupational Safety and Health

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This bill requires the HLRB to deliver its decisions and orders by hand, United States Postal Service with delivery confirmation, or transmitted via electronic service through a company designated by the appeals board, which is the HLRB, pursuant to § 396-3 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

The HLRB supports the bill and requests the Committee to vote to pass it to the next committee.

II. CURRENT LAW

Delivery of the HLRB's decisions and orders is controlled by § 91-12, HRS which requires contested case decisions and orders to be delivered or mailed to each party or to a party's attorney of record.

III. COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL

This measure maintains the requirement that the HLRB continue delivering its decisions and orders in accordance with the current requirements but adds another delivery option by electronic service through a company designated by the HLRB.

Since January 1, 2014, the HLRB has offered an electronic filing service to all parties appearing before the Board. Currently, more than 95% of all parties appearing before the board have registered for this service which includes an agreement to receive all documents electronically.

This bill will cut staff and postage costs for the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.