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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair,
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Hawaii Labor Relations Board
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.B. No. 981 S. D. 1 Relating to The Hawaii Labor Relations Board

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This proposal seeks to amend chapter 396, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by amending (A) section 396-11.5, HRS, by adding an additional means of serving chapter 91 notices of hearing by electronic service through a company designated by the HLRB; and (B) section 396-12, HRS, by adding new language to require that a party appealing a HLRB decision to bear the costs of transcripts, except as provided by law.

II. CURRENT LAW

Section 396-11.5, HRS, allows service of hearing notices by first class mail. There is no current law in chapter 396 related to requiring appealing parties to bear the the cost of preparing a transcript.

III. COMMENTS ON THE SENATE BILL

HLRB supports SB981, S.D. 1 and urges passage of the bill.

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RE: SB 981, SD1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD.

Attention: Chair Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair Donovan Dela Cruz and
Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urge the Committee to **support passage of SB 981, SD 1** that amends Chapter 396, Hawaii Revised Statutes, providing the HLRB the same authority already allowed under Chapter 89 regarding service of pleadings. UHPA supports efforts to streamline processes and procedures for the HLRB that will result in administrative efficiencies.

UHPA supports passage of SB 981, SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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