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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Labor Relations Board (HLRB or Board) provides the following **comments in support of HB 913 with amendments** for your consideration.

The HLRB is a quasi-judicial agency that oversees two areas of laws in the State of Hawai'i: (1) collective bargaining and unfair labor practices under Chapters 89 and 377 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and (2) contests involving citations or orders of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations involving occupational safety and health laws set forth in Chapter 396, HRS. As an administrative agency, the HLRB is also subject to the administrative procedures set forth in HRS Chapter 91.

HB 913 amends HRS § 377-9 to allow all documents filed with the HLRB to be filed either as an original paper document or an electronic version. The Board supports this cost saving measure and has already implemented an electronic filing system under its administrative rules. The Board would, however, ask for the following amendments for clarity and consistency with HRS § 89-5.1:

(m) All documents filed with the board under this section shall be delivered to the board as:

(1) An original paper document; or

(2) An electronic version, filed by electronic service through a company designated by the board.

A document filed by electronic means shall be equivalent to an original document for the purposes of this section.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the HLRB's comments in **support** of HB 913 with amendments.