

MELVIN Y. C. KAHELE

RESUME OF MELVIN Y. C. KAHELE

Family

Born and raised on the windward coast

Resident of Kapolei for 40 years

Education

Attended Kahuku High School

Attended Leeward Community College

Certified as Associate Professor of contract negotiations at the University of Hawaii, assisting Dr. Larry Price

Graduate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Leadership Academy

Graduate of the Center of Labor Education and Research (CLEAR) at the University of Hawaii

Employment

U.S. Army, serving in Germany and with the 25th Infantry Division (Schofield)

25 years in gas industry as a Leadman/Forman

Five time State of Hawaii truck driving champion, and, one time National truck driving champion representing the State of Hawaii

President/Principal Executive Officer for the Teamsters Union, Local 996, with over 6,000 members. Handled many complex contract negotiations (1995 to 2007)

Legislative lobbyist for the Ironworkers Union, Local 625, Stabilization Fund (2007 to present)

Professional and Community Service Experience

Chaired, 7 Teamsters union trust funds

Trustee of Ironworkers Union Trust Funds – Administrative Office,
Health and Welfare, Training, and Vacation and Holiday

Member, U.S. Human Rights Commission

Member, Board of Directors, Asian Pacific Labor Alliance

Member, Board of Directors, Aloha United Way

Coach, West Oahu Bobby Sox Softball

Member, Board of Director, Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corp.