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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, March 31, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB)
Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 1115, HD1, SD1 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, to add 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, to add new language to require that a party appealing a HLRB decision will 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 provision in chapter 396 related to requiring appealing parties to bear the cost of preparing a transcript.

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III. COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE BILL

HLRB supports this bill and requests that the defective date be changed to “This act shall take effect upon its approval.” Passage of this bill will reduce HLRB’s expenses and support the State’s paperless goal. HLRB currently offers to the parties a free electronic filing service. Although it is voluntary, it is used by the majority of the parties as it saves money and time. This bill will codify this practice and procedure.