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To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

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

**Re: S.B. No. 981 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 HOUSE BILL**

HLRB supports SB981 and urges passage of the bill.

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The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
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9:00 AM, Conference Room 016

**RE: SB 981, Relating to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board**

Attention: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and  
Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) urges the committee to **support passage of SB 981** 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.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristeen Hanselman".

Kristeen Hanselman  
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