

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 981
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 981, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address proceedings related to, and appeal of administrative decisions made by, the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Allows the Board to send written notice of an appeals board hearing by electronic service through a company designated by the board; and
- (2) Provides that the party that seeks review of an appeals board decision and order shall bear the cost of preparing a transcript except as otherwise provided by law, in which case the appeals board bears the cost.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and University of Hawaii Professional Assembly.




Your Committee finds that in the twenty-first century, the use of electronic communication for official purposes is commonplace, efficient, and cost effective. Currently, the Hawaii Labor Relations Board is required to send notice of an appeals board hearing through first class mail. Allowing the Board to use electronic communication rather than the postal service to notify parties of an appeals board hearing will avoid postage costs and save time spent on preparation of physical notices.

Your Committee further finds that current law is silent on the issue of which party bears the cost of preparing a transcript for review of a decision and order of the appeals board. Your Committee believes that allocation of that cost by this measure is equitable and will prevent confusion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 981, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

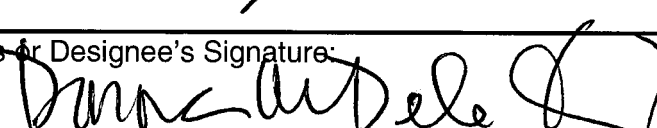


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 981, SD1	Committee Referral: SDL, WAM	Date: 2/22/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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