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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to protect the
- 2 employability of persons who are not members of labor
- 3 organizations.
- 4 SECTION 2. Chapter 377, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 5 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
- 6 as follows:
- 7 "PART . RIGHT TO WORK
- §377-A Definitions. In this part, unless the context
- 9 otherwise requires:
- 10 "Labor organization" means any organization of any kind, or
- 11 any agency or employee representation committee or plan, in
- 12 which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in
- 13 whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning
- 14 grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of
- 15 employment, or other conditions of employment.
- "Person" includes a natural person, a corporation,
- 17 association, company, firm, or labor organization.

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         §377-B Prohibition of agreements denying employment because
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    of non-membership in labor organization. No person shall be
    denied the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of
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    non-membership in a labor organization, nor shall the State or
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    any subdivision thereof, or any corporation, individual, or
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    association of any kind, enter into an agreement, written or
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    oral, which excludes a person from employment or continuation of
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    employment because of non-membership in a labor organization.
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         §377-C Illegality of acts or agreements violating this
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    part; strike or picketing for illegal purpose. Any act or
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    provision in an agreement which is in violation of this part is
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    illegal and void.
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         §377-D Prohibition of threatened or actual interference
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    with a person, the person's family or property to compel that
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    person to join a labor organization, strike, or leave
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    employment. It is unlawful for an employee, labor organization,
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    or officer, agent, or member thereof, by any directly or
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    indirectly threatened or actual interference with the person,
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    the person's immediate family or property, to compel or attempt
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    to compel the person to join a labor organization, to strike
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    against the person's will, to leave employment, or to dissuade
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    the person from crossing the picket line.
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1 §377-E Prohibition of conspiracy to induce persons to 2 refuse to work with persons not members of labor organization. A 3 combination or conspiracy by two or more persons to cause the 4 discharge of any person or to cause the person to be denied 5 employment because the person is not a member of a labor organization by inducing or attempting to induce any other 6 7 person to refuse to work with the person, is illegal. §377-F Civil liability of person violating this part. A 8 9 person who violates any provision of this part, or who enters 10 into an agreement containing a provision declared illegal by 11 this part, or who brings about the discharge of or denial of 12 employment to any person because of non-membership in a labor 13 organization shall be liable to the person injured as the result 14 of the act or provision and may be sued therefore, and in the 15 action, any labor organization, subdivision, or local thereof, 16 shall be bound by the acts of its duly authorized agents acting 17 within the scope of their authority, and may sue or be sued in 18 its common name. 19 §377-G Injunctive relief from injury resulting from 20 violation of this part. A person injured or threatened with any 21 type of injury or loss by an act declared illegal by this part

- 1 shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 2 contrary, be entitled to injunctive relief."
- 3 SECTION 3. Chapter 377, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 4 by designating sections 377-1 through 377-18 as "Part I. General
- 5 Provisions".
- 6 SECTION 4. Section 377-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "\$377-4 Rights of employees. Employees shall have the right
- 9 of self-organization and the right to form, join, or assist
- 10 labor organizations, to bargain collectively through
- 11 representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in lawful,
- 12 concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or
- 13 other mutual aid or protection, and such employees shall also
- 14 have the right to refrain from any and all such activities[7]
- 15 provided that employees may be required to join a union under an
- 16 all-union agreement as provided in section 377 6(3)]."
- 17 SECTION 5. Section 377-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 "§377-6 Unfair labor practices of employers. It shall be an
- 20 unfair labor practice for an employer individually or in concert
- 21 with others:
- 22 (1) To interfere with, restrain, or coerce the employer's

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1	employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in
2	section 377-4[+] beyond that which is allowed under part
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- (2) To initiate, create, dominate, or interfere with the formation or administration of any labor organization or contribute financial support to it, but an employer shall not be prohibited from reimbursing employees at their prevailing wage rate for time spent conferring with the employer, nor from cooperating with representatives of at least a majority of the employer's employees in a collective bargaining unit, at their request, by permitting employee organizational activities on employer premises or the use of employer facilities where the activities or use create no additional expense to the employer;
  - organization by discrimination in regard to hiring, tenure, or other terms or conditions of employment. An employer, however, may enter into an all-union agreement with the bargaining representative of the employer's employees in a collective bargaining unit, unless the board has certified that at least a majority of the

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1	employees have voted to rescind the authority of their
2	bargaining representative to negotiate such all-union
3	agreement within one year preceding the date of the
4	agreement [+]; provided that such agreement shall not
5	displace employees who are not union members. No
6	employer shall justify any discrimination against any
7	employee for non-membership in a labor organization [if
8	the employer has reasonable grounds for believing that:
9	(A) Such membership was not available to the employee on
10	the same terms and conditions generally applicable
11	to other members;
12	(B) Or that membership was denied or terminated for
13	reasons other than the failure of the employee to
14	tender periodic dues and the initiation fees
15	uniformly required as a condition for acquiring or
16	<pre>retaining membership];</pre>
17	(4) To refuse to bargain collectively with the
18	representative of a majority of the employer's employees
19	in any collective bargaining unit provided that if the
20	employer has good faith doubt that a union represents a
21	majority of the employees, the employer may file a

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1		representation petition for an election and shall not be
2		deemed guilty of refusal to bargain;
3	(5)	To bargain collectively with the representatives of
4		less than a majority of the employer's employees in a
5		collective bargaining unit, or to enter into an all-
6		union agreement except in the manner provided in
7		<pre>paragraph (3);</pre>
8	(6)	To violate the terms of a collective bargaining
9		agreement;
10	(7)	To refuse or fail to recognize or accept as conclusive
11		of any issue in any controversy as to employment
12		relations the final determination of the board or of any
13		tribunal of competent jurisdiction;
14	(8)	To discharge or otherwise discriminate against an
15		employee because the employee has filed charges or given
16		information or testimony under the provisions of this
17		chapter;
18	(9)	To deduct labor organization dues or assessments from
19		an employee's earnings, unless the employer has been
20		presented with an individual order therefore, signed by
21		the employee personally;

(10) To employ any person to spy upon employees or their

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1	representatives respecting their exercise of any right
2	created or approved by this chapter;
3	(11) To make, circulate, or cause to be circulated a
4	blacklist;
5	(12) To offer or grant permanent employment to an individual
6	for performing work as a replacement for a bargaining
7	unit member during a labor dispute; or
8	(13) Based on employment or willingness to be employed during
9	a labor dispute, to give employment preference to one
10	person over another who:
11	(A) Was an employee at the commencement of the dispute;
12	(B) Exercised the right to join, assist, or engage in
13	lawful collective bargaining or mutual aid or
14	protection through the labor organization engaged in
15	the dispute; and
16	(C) Continues to work for or has unconditionally offered
17	to return to work for the employer."
18	SECTION 6. Section 377-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	hereby repealed.
20	["§377-4.5 Religious exemption from labor organization
21	membership. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
22	contrary, any employee who is a member of and adheres to
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    established and traditional tenets or teachings of a bona fide
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    religion, body, or sect which has historically held
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    conscientious objections to joining or financially supporting
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    labor organizations shall not be required to join or financially
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    support any labor organization as a condition of employment;
    except that an employee may be required in a contract between an
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    employees' employer and a labor organization in lieu of periodic
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    dues and initiation fees, to pay sums equal to the dues and
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    initiation fees to a nonreligious, non labor organization
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    charitable fund exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of
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    the Internal Revenue Code, chosen by an employee from a list of
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    at least three funds, designated in the contract or if the
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    contract fails to designate any funds, then to any fund chosen
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    by the employee. If any employee who holds conscientious
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    objections pursuant to this section requests the labor
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    organization to use the grievance arbitration procedure on the
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    employee's behalf, the labor organization is authorized to
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    charge the employee for the reasonable cost of using the
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    procedure."]
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         SECTION 7. In codifying the new sections added by section 2
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    of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
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- 1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
- 2 the new sections in this Act.
- 3 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect apon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

### Report Title:

Labor

### Description:

Protects each citizen's right to gainful employment regardless of non-membership in any labor organization.

