TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1871

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1871 converts the Department of Human Resources Development to a division in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; transfers the Commission on Salaries and the Deferred Compensation Plan Board of Trustees to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

We oppose the bill for the reasons stated in testimony from both Department of Human Resources Development and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Furthermore, converting Department of Human Resources Development into a division in Department of Labor and Industrial Relations would not result in a significant general fund savings as only one appointed director and one appointed deputy director's salaries would be eliminated.