### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
  by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
  read as follows:
- 4 "§89- Proposed findings and conclusions; request for 5 draft decision on issue of law. (a) The board may require the 6 party who prevails after the presentation of evidence in a hearing to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of 7 8 The party required to prepare proposed findings of fact 9 and conclusions of law shall have fourteen days, unless the time 10 is extended by the board, to draft the same and secure the 11 approval as to form of opposing parties thereon. If the form of 12 the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law has not 13 been approved, a party served with the proposed findings and 14 conclusions may, within seven days after service of the proposed **15** findings of fact and conclusions of law, serve and deliver to 16 the prevailing party and the board objections and a copy of the

objecting party's proposed findings and conclusions. The board

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1 shall determine the findings of fact and conclusions of law to 2 be entered. 3 If after the conclusion of all testimony in the case, and 4 after the submission thereof, the board does not indicate which 5 party has prevailed in the action, the respective parties 6 involved may be requested to submit proposed findings of fact 7 and conclusions of law. 8 (b) The prevailing party shall deliver the original to the 9 board, or, if not so approved, serve a copy thereof upon each 10 party who has appeared in the action and deliver the original to 11 the board. 12 (c) Whenever the board proposes to file a written decision 13 on any motion or issue of law, it may at any time order one or 14 more of the parties to submit to the board and serve on all 15 other parties a draft decision within fourteen days of the 16 order. In such event, the board shall advise all parties of its 17 action. The opposing parties shall have seven days to present

comments with respect thereto to the board and serve on the

drafting party. The failure of any party to submit comments

with respect to any such draft shall not affect the right of

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1 such party to appeal from any judgment incorporated in or based 2 on the decision as issued." 3 SECTION 2. Chapter 377, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 5 and to read as follows: 6 "§377- Proposed findings and conclusions; request for 7 draft decision on issue of law. (a) The board may require the 8 party who prevails after the presentation of evidence in a 9 hearing to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of 10 law. The party required to prepare proposed findings of fact 11 and conclusions of law shall have fourteen days, unless the time 12 is extended by the board, to draft the same and secure the 13 approval as to form of opposing parties thereon. If the form of 14 the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law has not 15 been approved, a party served with the proposed findings and 16 conclusions may, within seven days after service of the proposed **17** findings of fact and conclusions of law, serve and deliver to 18 the prevailing party and the board objections and a copy of the 19 objecting party's proposed findings and conclusions. The board 20 shall determine the findings of fact and conclusions of law to 21 be entered.

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2	after the submission thereof, the board does not indicate which
3	party has prevailed in the action, the respective parties
4	involved may be requested to submit proposed findings of fact
5	and conclusions of law.
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7	board, or, if not so approved, serve a copy thereof upon each
8	party who has appeared in the action and deliver the original to
9	the board.
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11	on any motion or issue of law, it may at any time order one or
12	more of the parties to submit to the board and serve on all
13	other parties a draft decision within fourteen days of the
14	order. In such event, the board shall advise all parties of its
15	action. The opposing parties shall have seven days to present
16	comments with respect thereto to the board and serve on the
17	drafting party. The failure of any party to submit comments
18	with respect to any such draft shall not affect the right of
19	such party to appeal from any judgment incorporated in or based
20	on the decision as issued."

1	SECTION 3. Chapter 396, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	"§396- Proposed findings and conclusions; request for
5	draft decision on issue of law. (a) The appeals board may
6	require the party who prevails after the presentation of
7	evidence in a hearing to submit proposed findings of fact and
8	conclusions of law. The party required to prepare proposed
9	findings of fact and conclusions of law shall have fourteen
10	days, unless the time is extended by the appeals board, to draft
11	the same and secure the approval as to form of opposing parties
12	thereon. If the form of the proposed findings of fact and
13	conclusions of law has not been approved, a party served with
14	the proposed findings and conclusions may, within seven days
15	after service of the proposed findings of fact and conclusions
16	of law, serve and deliver to the prevailing party and the
17	appeals board objections and a copy of the objecting party's
18	proposed findings and conclusions. The appeals board shall
19	determine the findings of fact and conclusions of law to be
20	entered.

1	If after the conclusion of all testimony in the case, and
2	after the submission thereof, the appeals board does not
3	indicate which party has prevailed in the action, the respective
4	parties involved may be requested to submit proposed findings of
5	fact and conclusions of law.
6	(b) The prevailing party shall deliver the original to the
7	appeals board, or, if not so approved, serve a copy thereof upon
8	each party who has appeared in the action and deliver the
9	original to the appeals board.
10	(c) Whenever the appeals board proposes to file a written
11	decision on any motion or issue of law, it may at any time order
12	one or more of the parties to submit to the appeals board and
13	serve on all other parties a draft decision within fourteen days
14	of the order. In such event, the appeals board shall advise all
15	parties of its action. The opposing parties shall have seven
16	days to present comments with respect thereto to the appeals
17	board and serve on the drafting party. The failure of any party
18	to submit comments with respect to any such draft shall not
19	affect the right of such party to appeal from any judgment
20	incorporated in or based on the decision as issued."
21	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Hawaii Labor Relations Board; Decisions and Orders

#### Description:

Allows the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (Board) to request parties appearing before the board to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and a draft decision on any motion or issue of law.

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