## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 396-11.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 3 "(b) In all hearings before the appeals board, each board
- 4 member shall have the same powers as possessed by the circuit
- 5 courts respecting the administering of oaths; issuing subpoenas;
- 6 compelling the attendance of witnesses, the production of
- 7 documentary evidence, and the taking of depositions; and
- 8 examining or causing to be examined witnesses. The circuit
- 9 court of any circuit, upon application by the appeals board or a
- 10 party, shall have power to enforce, by proper proceedings, the
- 11 attendance and testimony of any witness subpoenaed. Subpoena
- 12 and witness fees and mileage in these cases shall be the same as
- 13 in criminal cases in the circuit courts and paid by the party
- 14 calling the witness.
- No person shall be excused from attending, testifying, or
- 16 producing material, books, paper, correspondence, memoranda, and
- 17 other records before the appeals board or in compliance with a

- 1 subpoena on the grounds that the testimony or evidence,
- 2 documentary or otherwise, required of the person may tend to
- 3 incriminate the person or subject the person to a penalty or
- 4 forfeiture; provided that no person shall be prosecuted or
- 5 subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any
- 6 transaction, matter, or thing concerning which the person is
- 7 compelled, after having claimed the privilege against self-
- 8 incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary, or
- 9 otherwise, except that such persons testifying shall not be
- 10 exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in
- 11 testifying.
- Notwithstanding section 91-12, within a reasonable time
- 13 after the appeals board issues each written order or decision,
- 14 the appeals board shall provide to each party or the attorney
- 15 for each party a copy of the written order or decision. The
- 16 written order or decision shall be hand delivered, provided by
- 17 the United States Postal Service with delivery confirmation, or
- 18 transmitted via electronic service through a company designated
- 19 by the appeals board.

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         Pursuant to chapter 91, the appeals board may adopt rules
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    of the Hawaii rules of civil procedure and other rules in
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    conducting any hearing."
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         SECTION 2. Section 91-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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         "$91-12 Decisions and orders. [Every] Except as provided
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    under section 396-11.5(b), every decision and order adverse to a
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    party to the proceeding, rendered by an agency in a contested
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    case, shall be in writing or stated in the record and shall be
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    accompanied by separate findings of fact and conclusions of law.
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    If any party to the proceeding has filed proposed findings of
    fact, the agency shall incorporate in its decision a ruling upon
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    each proposed finding so presented. The agency shall notify the
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    parties to the proceeding by delivering or mailing a certified
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    copy of the decision and order and accompanying findings and
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    conclusions within a reasonable time to each party or to the
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    party's attorney of record."
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         SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
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         SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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### Report Title:

Hawaii Labor Relations Board; Occupational Safety and Health; Delivery of Decisions and Orders

### Description:

Requires the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to deliver its decisions and orders by hand, USPS mail with delivery confirmation, or electronically.

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