

A Bill for an Act Relating to Collective Bargaining.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 89A-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§89A-1 Office of collective bargaining in the state government established. There shall be established an office of collective bargaining in the office of the governor to assist the governor in negotiating with and entering into written agreements between the public employers and the exclusive representatives on matters of wages, hours, and other negotiable terms and conditions of employment.

The position of chief negotiator for the State is hereby established to head the office. The chief negotiator shall be experienced in labor relations. The governor shall appoint and remove the chief negotiator[,] and the deputy negotiators, [and researcher,] who shall not be subject to chapters 76 and 77. [Effective July 1, 1981, the salary of the chief negotiator shall be \$46,750 a year.] Effective July 1, 1982, the salary of the chief negotiator shall be \$47,520 a year. The chief negotiator[,] and the deputy negotiators[, and researcher] shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to the officers and employees of the State. All other employees shall be appointed in accordance with chapters 76 and 77. The chief negotiator shall serve as one of the governor's designated representatives as set forth in section 89-6(b).”

SECTION 2. The employee who occupies the position of researcher in the office of collective bargaining on the effective date of this Act shall be granted permanent civil service status within the meaning of chapters 76 and 77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, without the necessity of examination; provided that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws. The employee shall become a civil service employee without the loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefits or privileges.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 23, 1985.)