STATE OF HAWAII

HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of	CASE NO. DR-01-82
UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO, Petitioner.	ORDER NO. 1992 ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, PUBLIC EMPLOYER'S MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO FILE PETITION TO INTERVENE

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On March 6, 2001, Jeremy Harris (Harris or Public Employer), Mayor, City and County of Honolulu, by and through his attorneys, filed a motion to extend the March 9, 2001 deadline to file a Petition for Intervention in this matter with the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (Board). According to the affidavit of counsel filed in support of the motion, she is unable to obtain authority to proceed on behalf of the Public Employer because her client, Director of Human Resources, Cheryl Okuma-Sepe (Okuma-Sepe) is out of town until March 8, 2001. Thus, Harris requested a one-week extension of time from March 9, 2001 to March 16, 2001 to confer with Okuma-Sepe and obtain authority regarding intervention in this matter.

Thereafter, on March 8, 2001, Petitioner UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO (UPW), by and through its counsel, filed a memorandum in opposition to the Public Employer's motion for extension of the intervention deadline with the Board. The UPW objects to any extension because it served Harris' corporation counsel with the Petition for Declaratory Ruling upon its filing on February 26, 2001 because Harris' actions allegedly prompted the petition. In addition, the UPW argues that since Okuma-Sepe will return on March 8, 2001 there is adequate time to decide whether to intervene by March 9, 2001. The UPW also argues that on balance, any delay causes irreparable harm to the Unit 01 employees because the Public Employer will not process any pending grievances.

After considering the arguments raised, the Board hereby grants Harris' motion to extend the deadline to file a petition for intervention in this matter, in part. The deadline for Harris to file a petition to intervene in this matter, if any, is extended to 4:30 p.m. on March 13, 2001.

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