STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of

UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO,
Complainant,

and

FRANK LOPEZ, Interim Director, Department of Public Safety, State of Hawaii,
Respondent.

Case No. CU-10-612

ORDER NO. 2370
ORDER GRANTING UPW’S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION, FILED ON MARCH 3, 2006; AND GRANTING UPW’S MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING AND DEADLINES, FILED ON MARCH 16, 2006

In the Matter of

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
State of Hawaii,

Complainant,

and

UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO,
Respondent.

Case No. CU-10-246

ORDER GRANTING UPW’S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION, FILED ON MARCH 3, 2006; AND GRANTING UPW’S MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING AND DEADLINES, FILED ON MARCH 16, 2006

On March 3, 2006, Complainant UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO (UPW) filed a Motion for Consolidation with the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (Board) in Case No. CU-10-246 to consolidate the proceedings with Case No. CE-10-612. UPW’s counsel states in an affidavit in support of the motion that consolidation of the cases is appropriate because the cases involve the same parties and arise from the same series of transactions and involve the same issues. UPW’s counsel further states that the Board has scheduled a hearing on the UPW’s Motion for Summary Judgment on March 17, 2006 and a ruling on the motion will affect the disposition of Case No. CU-10-246.
After reviewing the record of Case Nos. CU-10-246 and CE-10-612, the Board agrees with the UPW that the cases involve the same parties and basic issues and arise from the same series of transactions. Accordingly, for good cause shown and having received no opposition to the UPW's Motion for Consolidation, the Board hereby consolidates the cases for disposition pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 12-42-8(g)(13).

Thereafter, on March 16, 2006, the UPW filed a Motion to Continue Hearing and Deadlines with the Board in Case No. CE-10-612. The UPW requested the Board to continue the hearing scheduled on March 17, 2006 in Case No. CE-10-612 as well as the deadlines for an responsive opposition to Respondents' March 15, 2006 Motion for Summary Judgment in that case for 30 days to permit the parties to determine whether the dispute can be resolved.

Thereafter, counsel for Respondents indicated that he did not oppose the UPW's Motion to Continue Hearing and Deadlines. Accordingly, the Board hereby grants UPW's motion to continue hearing and deadlines. As Respondents' Motion for Summary Judgment was served by hand-delivery on March 15, 2006, any opposition shall be filed with the Board by the close of business on April 21, 2006.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, March 23, 2006

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