STATE OF HAWAII

HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of

UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO and HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AFSCME, LOCAL 152, AFL-CIO,

Complainants,

and

KATHLEEN WATANABE, Director, Department of Human Resources Development, State of Hawaii and LINDA LINGLE, Governor, State of Hawaii,

Respondents.

CASE NOS.: CE-01-537a CE-02-537b CE-03-537c CE-04-537d CE-06-537e

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On March 6, 2007, Complainant HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AFSCME, LOCAL 152, AFL-CIO ("HGEA") filed a motion for the withdrawal of the law firm of Takahashi Vasconcellos & Covert and the substitution of the law firm of Koshiba Agena and Kubota as its counsel with the Hawaii Labor Relations Board ("Board"). Herbert Takahashi, Complainant HGEA's counsel, states in an affidavit in support of the motion, that the law firm requests for good cause to withdraw from representing the HGEA in the above-entitled case. Mr. Takahashi also states that the law firm of Koshiba Agena and Kubota has agreed to substitute as counsel for the HGEA.

Hearing no objection and based on the foregoing, the Board hereby grants the instant motion to permit the withdrawal and substitution of counsel for Complainant HGEA.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, March 22, 2007

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BRIAN K. NAKAMURA, Chair

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