ORDER DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY POSTHEARING BRIEFS

On February 11, 1980, George Ariyoshi, Governor of the State of Hawaii (hereafter State) filed a petition for a declaratory ruling as to whether the matter of the implementation of repricing actions is negotiable.

The Hawaii Government Employees' Association (hereafter HGEA) intervened in the above-stated declaratory ruling case on April 1, 1980.

On June 27, 1980, the State and the HGEA submitted a stipulation of facts and simultaneous posthearing briefs in lieu of a hearing on the declaratory ruling.

After a full review and consideration of the stipulation and briefs, the Board is of the opinion that additional facts and memoranda of law are necessary before a declaratory ruling can be issued in this case. Accordingly, in order to obviate the need for a hearing on this case, the Board directs the parties to submit supplementary posthearing briefs in the case addressing the following issues:
1. Based upon the legislative history of Chapter 77, HRS, and any other authoritative sources, what is the purpose for repricing actions?

2. Provide a history of the Employer's past practice in implementing both repricing and incremental or wage increases.

3. Demonstrate what the impact is on an employee's wages when a repricing action and an incremental increase are implemented during the same year but not simultaneously.

4. Whether there is an inconsistency between the statutory provision of HRS §89-9(a), that wages be negotiated, and the provision of HRS §89-9(d), that repricing is nonnegotiable.

5. Whether the concept of repricing is incompatible with the concept of negotiated wage increases.

The briefs should be filed with the Board no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 10, 1980, together with certification of service upon counsel for the opposing party.

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Dated: September 12, 1980

Honolulu, Hawaii