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**JOINT PRESS STATEMENT:
HSTA, UPW, HGSEA AND UHPA DISPUTE
LINGLE-AIONA ADMINISTRATION'S CLAIM OF
IMMINENT NEGOTIATIONS SETTLEMENT**

The leaders of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, United Public Workers, Hawaii Government Employees Association and the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly today disputed the Lingle-Aiona administration's public claim that a negotiations settlement is imminent. To date, no formal proposals have been made to any of the four unions, leaving them with nothing to negotiate.

Despite the State Legislature's action to balance the state budget for the upcoming biennium, union members will face steep increases in medical premiums effective July 1, 2009. In addition, the new budget will result in the elimination of filled and unfilled positions in the State Executive branch, as well as the University of Hawaii and Judiciary. All four organizations expect that the budget will result in an impact on the services to the public, and an increased workload for the employees trying to meet the demands for these services.

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