



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# NEWSLETTER

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## Bill 29 information meetings scheduled

HEU has scheduled special information meetings for members and former members who were laid-off or bumped as a result of *Bill 29*-related contracting out.

The meetings will be held in Victoria on October 24 and in Burnaby on October 25. Afternoon and evening meetings have been scheduled to accommodate shift workers.

### **Victoria**

Wednesday, October 24  
1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.  
CAW Hall  
200– 661 Burnside East

### **Burnaby**

Thursday, October 25  
1:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.  
HEU Provincial Office  
5000 North Fraser Way

The purpose of the meetings is to provide up-to-date information on the process of implementing last June's Supreme Court ruling that struck down key sections of *Bill 29* that were used to lay off thousands of workers.

As you may know, HEU and other unions have begun talks with representatives of government and health employers to discuss the repercussions of the Court's decision. There have been 4½ days of meetings so far. These discussions could continue until the end of the year or longer. Redress has not yet been discussed.

The Court established for the first time that workers have a constitutionally-protected right to free collective bargaining.

However, the Court did not spell out how the decision would recognize the impact that *Bill 29* had on workers. HEU and other health unions have said that redress for impacted workers is fundamental to the *Bill 29* discussions.

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At the information meetings scheduled for October 24 and 25, union representatives will go over the details of the Court ruling and review what has occurred in our discussions with government and health employers since then.

This is also an opportunity for affected members and former members to share their observations and also to ask questions about the process.

Please pass this information on to members or former members you know who may not have received news of these meetings by mail or email.

Not everyone will be able to attend these meetings. The union will provide members and former members with updates on developments on the HEU website at <[www.heu.org](http://www.heu.org)> and through other means as necessary.

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