

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OFF HB 1973

From

REPRESENTATIVE JOE BERTRAM III

January 23, 2008

Aloha Chair Morita and Members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

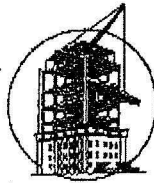
Please support HB 1973 RELATING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL COURT.

I support SB 932 because I believe that:

- It will be cost effective.
- It will be efficient.
- It will deal with enforcing environmental laws.
- It will generate revenue.

I ask for your support of HB 1973.

Thank you, Madam Chair and the members of the House Energy & Environmental Committee.



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Honorable Rep. Hermina M. Morita, Chair
Energy & Environmental Protection Committee
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Honolulu, HI 96813

REGINALD CASTANARES
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RE: IN OPPOSITION OF HB 1973
RELATING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL COURT
Hearing: Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 a.m.

THADDEUS TOMEI
Trustee
Elevator Constructors
Local 125

Dear Chair Morita and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

MALCOLM K. AHLO
Carpet, Linoleum, & Soft Tile
Local 1296

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

JOSEPH BAZEMORE
Drywall, Tapes, & Finishers
Local 1544

The Council OPPOSES the passage of House Bill 1973, which establishes environmental courts as divisions within the circuit court to handle complaints, administrative appeals, and certain other judicial proceedings of an environmental nature.

VAUGHN CHONG
Roofers, Waterproofer's & Allied
Workers United Union of Roofers
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Thank you for the consideration of our request to oppose House Bill 1973 and the opportunity to testify.

KEN CASAREZ
Laborers International Union
Local 385

GARY AYCOCK
Boilermakers, Ironship Builders
Local 627

Sincerely,

LYNN KINNEY
District Council 50
Painters & Allied Trades
Local 1791

W. Hong / dg

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KALANI MAHOE
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Local 3

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