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**LATE TESTIMONY**

January 24, 2008

Honorable Rep. Alex M. Sonson, Chair  
Honorable Rep. Bob Nakasone, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment  
Hawaii State Capital  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN OPPOSITION OF HB 2017  
RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION  
Hearing: Friday, January 25, 2008, 8:15 a.m.

Dear Chair Sonson, Vice Chair Nakasone and the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

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.

The Council OPPOSES the passage of House Bill 2017, which amends workers' compensation law to require that, as part of the process for returning an injured worker to suitable gainful employment, a vocational rehabilitation provider examine the feasibility of modified or other work at the employee's same employer.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition of HB2017.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong

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