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LATE TESTIMONY

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 <u>HB 2018</u> RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION 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 2018, which establishes a workers' compensation advisory council in the Department of Labor and Indistrial Relations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition of HB2018.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong

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