

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 3030
A BILL RELATING TO LABOR

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

AND

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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February 12, 2008

Chair Sonson, Chair Evans and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in opposition to House Bill 3030.

House Bill 3030 clarifies that the Governor may not suspend statutes relating to wages and hours on public works projects unless a state of emergency is declared under the provisions of section 127-10.

From a State Civil Defense perspective, House Bill 3030 is not necessary. The proposed bill will limit the Governor's emergency powers by restricting her ability to take action when immediate action may be needed regardless of the cause of the emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that opposes this measure.

Testimony by Ken Casarez
Deputy Trustee
Laborers' Union Local 368

In support of

HB3030 RELATING TO LABOR

To the

COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
And
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Honorable Representative Alex Sonson, Chair, Committee on Labor and Public Employment; and Representative Cindy Evans, Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Members of the joint committees:

HB3030 clarifies the circumstances under which the governor may suspend statutes relating to wages and hours on public works projects. The bill requires the Executive to issue a proclamation for an emergency subject to the provisions of section 127-10.

We support this bill and request the joint committees to pass it out for further discussion in the Committee on Finance.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

The House of Representatives
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Committees on Labor and Public Employment and
Public Safety and Military Affairs.
February 12, 2008, 8:45 a.m.
Conference Room 309

Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union on HB3030

The Hawaii Carpenters union is in support of HB 3030 and urges its passage.

The Bill simply clarifies that an emergency declared by the governor that may result in the suspension of Chapter 104, HRS, refers to an emergency as provided by section 127-10, HRS. It does not change Chapter 127. It does not change the intent of section 104-32.

Currently Chapter 104 is lacking a statutory reference for a state of emergency declared by the governor. The clarification should help prevent an erroneous suspension of prevailing wages on public works projects based on a non-specific usage of "emergency".

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.