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TO: THE HONORABLE J KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: H.B. 3197, RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:Monday, March 10, 2008TIME:1:30 p.m.PLACE:Conference Room 224

Dear Chair English and Committee members:

The General Contactors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and forty (540) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, supports the passage of H.B. 3197, relating to MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

H.B. 3197 provides authorization for the State Department of Transportation to expend \$21,000,000 deposited in the State Highway Special Fund in FY 2007. The Department requires legislative approval to expend the funds that has accumulated in the fund as a result of fuel tax increases approved in 2007.

The money in this special fund is earmarked for capital improvements of state highways and is necessary to insure that our highways are properly maintained.

The GCA supports the passage of H.B. 3197, and urges its approval by the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on this bill.