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Honorable Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair Honorable Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Hawaii State Capital 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN SUPPORT OF SB 2896, SD2, HD1 **RELATING TO CONTRACTORS** Hearing: Monday, March 31, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice Chair McKelvey and the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

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 SUPPORTS the passage of SB2896, SD2, HD1, which amends §444-10.5, HRS, to prohibit the resumption of work for any person who is issued a citation for operating without a contractor's license in good standing until a hearing is conducted, and makes the issuance of citations and cease and desist orders mandatory, and increases penalties.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB2896, SD2, HD1.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong **Executive Director**

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