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March 12, 2008

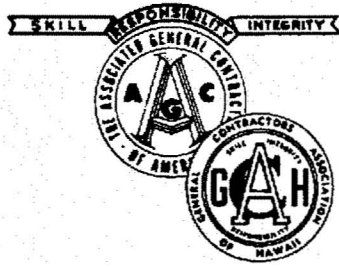
**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3119, SD2**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

We support this administration bill. The additional sum of \$21,253,032 for fiscal year 2007-2008 is required to allow the Department of Transportation (DOT) to continue to operate and maintain the state highway system. The current operational requirements exceed the current appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008.

During the 2007 regular legislative session, the legislature increased the revenues deposited into the state highway fund, by approximately \$21,200,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008, by extending the \$3 per day rental vehicle surcharge tax and increasing the fuel tax on gasoline and diesel oil by \$.01 per gallon. While the legislature increased the revenues, the authority to expend monies was not provided. We are requesting to have the authority to spend the appropriations to supplement our current maintenance levels.



## GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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March 10, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH M. SOUKI, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: S.B. 3119, SD2 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2008  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Conference Room 309

Dear Chair Souki and Committee members:

The General Contractors 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 S.B. 3119, SD2 RELATING TOMAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

S.B. 3119, SD2 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 S.B. 3119, SD2 and urges its approval by the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

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



March 12, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
ON SB 3119 SD2 RELATING TO  
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

Thank you Chair Souki and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association strongly supports this bill.

Our transportation infrastructure is key to our standard of living in Hawaii and key to the commercial transportation industry's ability to maintain that standard of living. Our timely deliveries provide Hawaii's citizens with everything they consume, and the only way we can accomplish that is to have a safe and well maintained infrastructure.

That infrastructure also needs vast improvements if we are to keep up our service levels into the future. The State Department of Transportation's highway revenue fund is in dire need of enhancement.

The funds provided by this measure are sorely needed.

Thank you.

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March 11, 2008

Honorable Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capital  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN SUPPORT OF SB3119, SD2  
RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM  
Hearing: Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Souki, Vice Chair Nishimoto and the House Committee on  
Transportation:

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 SB3119, SD2, which makes an  
emergency appropriation of \$21,253,032 out of the state highway fund for  
fiscal year 2007-2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB3119,  
SD2.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong

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