

**HB 1676**

**Before the Senate Committee  
on  
Ways and Means**

**Testimony in Support of HB 1676, HD1, SD1 –  
Relating to Public Works**

**Friday, April 3, 2009  
9:45 a.m.  
Conference Room 211**

**By  
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Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.**

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Steven Oppenheimer. I am an Associate General Counsel at Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric and its subsidiaries, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company, collectively, the Hawaiian Electric Companies.

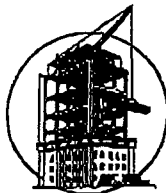
The Hawaiian Electric Companies support H.B. 1676, HD1, SD1, which clarifies the applicability of Chapter 104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Hawaii's prevailing wage law, to companies financing construction projects with special purpose revenue bonds that use their own unionized employees on the projects.

H.B. 1676, HD1, SD1 is a technical amendment to Chapter 104 that clears up an ambiguity about how such a company certifies compliance with the requirements of Chapter 104.

HB 1676, HD1, SD1 clarifies that when a company submits its collective bargaining agreement to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations under HRS Section 104-34, the collective bargaining agreement serves as the basis for compliance with all the applicable requirements of Chapter 104.

The Hawaiian Electric Companies strongly support this clarification.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## HAWAII BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

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Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Honorable Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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RE: **IN SUPPORT OF HB 1676, HD1, SD1**

Relating to Public Works.

Hearing: Friday, April 3, 2009, 9:45 a.m., Room 211

Dear Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

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 HB 1676, HD1, SD1 which requires that the collective bargaining agreement be submitted to the director of labor and industrial relations in order for the terms in the agreement to dictate the prevailing wages with regard to a project financed through the issuance of a special purpose revenue bond.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB 1676, HD1, SD1.

Sincerely,

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