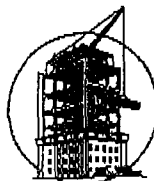


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RE: **IN OPPOSITION OF HB 1831, HD2, SD1**
Relating to Military Affairs.
Hearing: Friday, April 3, 2009, 9:45 a.m., Room 211

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 OPPOSES the passage of HB 1831, HD2, SD1 that creates the military liaison trust fund within a nonprofit entity to support the nonprofit entity's duties as the state liaison in matters relating to the military.

We oppose any private business advocate or agent, funded by the taxpayers and the State to promote business opportunities for members of a business organization. We feel that there are existing government agencies and government offices that provide liaison assistance for the military and Hawaii residents to co-exist.

We strongly feel this oversight and coordination is already provided thru Federal, State, and County offices and no public funds should be expended to promote solicitation of business opportunities for their members.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition of HB 1831, HD2, SD1.

Sincerely,

W. Hong

William "Buzz" Hong
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