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**Testimony to the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment
Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 9:00a.m.
Conference Room 309**

RE: SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 602 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Chamber of Commerce, a business organization with who mission it is to advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics, strongly SUPPORTS this bill and asks that you do the same.

We are a membership driven organization comprised of over 900 members, 88% of which are small businesses with fewer than 25 employees, representing nearly 21,000 employees. We support this bill which exempts an individual who is a member of a limited liability company or a partner of a limited liability partnership who has a distributional interest in the company or partnership of at least 50%, a partner of a partnership, and a sole proprietor from the workers' compensation law.

We ask that you support and pass HB 602 as a measure that will help businesses.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

President