



**The Chamber of  
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Late Testimony

**Testimony to the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment  
Tuesday, February 3, 2009  
8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 309**

**RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 643 RELATING TO CONTRACTORS**

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

My name is Jim Tollefson and I am the President and CEO of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber"). The Chamber supports the intent of House Bill No. 643, relating to Contractors.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.