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March 24, 2009

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Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
 Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair
 Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment
 Hawaii State Capital
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RE: **IN SUPPORT OF HCR 207**
REQUESTING A JOINT AGENCY STUDY ON THE IMPACT
OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN HAWAII.
 Hearing: Mon., March 24, 2009, 10:30 a.m., Room 309

MALCOLM K. AHLO
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and the House Committee on
 Labor & Public Employment:

REGINALD CASTANARES
Trustee
 Plumbers & Fitters Local 875

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.

THADEUS TOMEI
 Elevator Constructors Local 125

JOSEPH BAZEMORE
 Drywall, Tapers, & Finishers
 Local 1544

The Council **SUPPORTS HCR 207** requesting a joint agency study on
 the impact of illegal immigration in Hawaii.

RICHARD TAGGERE
 Glaziers, Architectural Metal &
 Glassworkers Local Union 1889

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support
 of **HCR 207**.

VAUGHN CHONG
 Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied
 Workers United Union of Roofers
 Local 221

Sincerely,

MARY AYCOCK
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 Local 827

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 Local 1791

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 Allied Workers Local 132





Testimony of C. Mike Kido
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The Pacific Resource Partnership
Committee on Labor & Public Employment
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair

HCR 207 and HR 168 – REQUESTING A JOINT AGENCY STUDY ON THE IMPACT
OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN HAWAII

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 309

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Labor & Public
Employment:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-
management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters
Union.

PRP strongly supports HCR 207 and HR 168 – Requesting a Joint Agency Study on the Impact
of Illegal Immigration in Hawaii. We support this bill for the following reasons:

- On May 1, 2007, Governor Lingle signed Act 52 into law prohibiting the State and its
counties from hiring illegal and/or undocumented workers.
- In December of the same year, 19 illegal workers were arrested at The Pinnacle
condominium located in downtown Honolulu, and another 11 being housed at a
warehouse in Halawa Industrial Park.
- In 2008, an additional estimated 150 and illegal or undocumented workers were arrested
across our state. Of this number 127 of the illegal workers were employed in the
construction industry.
- Since the occurrence of these raids, the DCCA and its licensing entities have been silent
on this issue, and have shown no sign of taking any action against the licenses of these
unscrupulous contractors who take part in the illegal and morally bankrupt business
practice of hiring illegal aliens.
- In 2005, The Pew Hispanic Center produced a study that estimated the illegal immigrant
population in Hawaii to be approximately 20-35 thousand. In January of 2009, the U.S.
Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated the number of unemployed people in our state to be
approximated 39,000. Therefore, companies who are hiring illegal workers in our state

are taking gainful employment away from our local workers who are struggling to keep food on their families tables, pay their bills, and keep their homes.

- Temporary project by project employment, and subcontracting practices in the construction industry provide fertile ground for violations of labor, tax, insurance and other laws. There is a growing realization across the nation that in both public and private sector construction, workers are misclassified as independent contractors, or are completely “off the books”. In this way, workers both legally authorized and not authorized to work in the U.S. are cheated, and millions of dollars in tax revenues are lost to each State and the Federal government.
- The purpose of this resolution therefore, is to ascertain the degree to which our state and local citizen’s are being impacted by the unscrupulous practice of exploiting illegal labor and to recover any and all monies illegally withheld from the State as a result of this practice, to prevent companies from hiring illegal workers in our state, and to prevent businesses that engage in the practice of hiring illegal workers from doing business in our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully ask for your consideration on HCR 207 and HR 168.