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Aloha,

I am submitting testimony AGAINST HB 133 on behalf of the Hawaii Island Contractors' Association.

Please see the attached.

Mahalo,

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Testimony of Hawaii Island Contractors' Association

Subject: AGAINST House Bill No. 133, RELATING TO CONTRACTORS, Excludes cost of materials in determining whether cost of project is less than \$1,000 for purposes of exemption from contractor licensing law

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members;

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Island Contractors' Association and its members, submitting testimony AGAINST House Bill No. 133 relating to contractors. We feel that the exclusion of material cost for purposes of exemption from the existing licensing law will weaken the purpose and enforcement of current legislation.

If passed, this bill will encourage increased illegal activity and open loopholes for violators.

In today's poor economy, more and more licensed contractors are advertising and providing "handyman" type services on all islands. In many cases, the scope of these services end up involving work that should fall under the jurisdiction of the State Licensing Board. This legislation would punish the legitimate contractors and licensed handymen here on the Big Island and elsewhere, and put us at a huge disadvantage because of the added costs of fulfilling the requirements of the contractor licensing law.

Please use your position in rejecting the passing of HB 133.