



March 8, 2010

KAUAI
Chamber
of
Commerce

Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto
Hawaii State Senate
State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813
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Dear Senator Sakamoto & Members of the Committee on Education & Housing
RE: HB2381, HD2, Relating to Taxation

My name is Randall Francisco and I am President/CEO of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has a membership of 415 members, 700+ representatives and over 6000 employees. The Chamber appreciates all of your efforts in addressing the challenges of our current economic cycle by supporting this legislation that will provide a tax credit for residential construction and remodeling projects. As a result, it will contribute to the state's economic recovery vis-à-vis job creation and, encourage a positive climate for those employed to help spur the economy by providing much needed purchasing power. On behalf of the Chamber, **I am writing to support HB 2381, HD2.**

This bill is an important step in helping Hawaii's businesses on our way to economic recovery that will be sustainable for the long term. The Chamber supports HB 2381 HD2 as reasonable and prudent. This measure will help our state's business community during these tough and challenging economic times unlike other business cycles during the past 4 decades. **This bill will save jobs, preserve businesses and spur the economy by keeping more dollars flowing into the economy through wages and purchases.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 245-7363, cell at 346-4538 or email at randall@kauaichamber.org.

Aloha.

Sincerely yours,

Randall Francisco
President/CEO
Kauai Chamber of Commerce

**DOWLING
COMPANY, INC**

March 8, 2010

Hearing on HB2381, HD2, Relating to Taxation
Before the Senate Committee on Education and Housing
on Wednesday, March 9, 2010 at 1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Sakamoto and members of the Committees:

My name is Jennifer Stites and I am Green Development Manager for Dowling Company, Inc., a Maui-based real estate development company that is committed to green building practices and sustainable development.

I am in strong support of House Bill No. 2381 HD2 which provides a tax credit for residential construction and remodeling projects. This bill will stimulate the economy by providing jobs for many of Hawaii's construction workers and building material suppliers alike. It provides an incentive for homeowner's to spend money in the construction sector during a time when many new development projects are stalled by the recession. Our economy needs incentives such as those provided by HB 2381, HD2, to get people back to work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure .

Sincerely,



Jennifer Stites