

TESTIMONY

SB 2061



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February 3, 2010

Honorable Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor
Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: **IN SUPPORT OF SB 2061**
Relating to Procurement
Hearing: Fri., Feb. 5, 2010, 9:30 a.m., Room 016

Dear Chair Takamine, Vice Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Labor:

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.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the passage of **SB 2061** which permits bidders and their subcontractors who are registered under an apprenticeship agreement with the DLIR to benefit from a 5% reduction in their bid amount on contracts for \$250,000 or more.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of **SB 2061.**

Sincerely,

W. Hong

William "Buzz" Hong
Executive Director



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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING SB2061 , RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

TO: **SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

For Hearing on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in Conference Room 016

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB2061**

Honorable Chairs Takamine & Taniguchi, Vice Chairs, and Committee members,

The **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186** represents over 3,500 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and Oceanic Cable. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and at every military installation in Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also represents over 120 signatory electrical contractors that perform most of the electrical work in the state of Hawaii.

SB2061 clarifies and fixes Act 17 from last year, to clearly include subcontractors in the new law. Although the intent of the original bill to promote training a skilled workforce was clear, SB2061 will clear up any confusion and speed up the implementation of Act 17.

As a policy matter to promote training and apprenticeship, it makes no sense to grant a 5% bid preference benefit to only the general contractor bidder. In many cases, a prime contractor's work covers a smaller share of a construction contract and any related apprenticeship training than the project's subcontractors, who usually perform the majority of the work and provide most of the labor on a typical public works project.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify in **strong support for SB2061.**

Mahalo and aloha,

Damien Kim
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186

IRONWORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

February 2, 2010

Dwight Takamine, Chair
Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Labor & Committee on Judiciary & Government Affairs
Senate
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415 S. Beretania Street
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Dear Honorable Chairs Takamine & Taniguchi and Members of the Labor and Committee Members of Judiciary & Government Affairs:

Re: Support for SB2061 – Relating to Procurement

We wish to offer our support of SB 2061, Relating to Procurement.

We believe that this bill will assist in clearing up misconceptions on who is included in a public works bid process. We believe that the language in this bill will assist in conforming to the intent of Act 17 (2009) passed by the State Legislature last session.

As such, this bill will clarify any misconceptions or misunderstandings in the law.

We support this very important measure. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Arnold Wong /s/

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February 3, 2010

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
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Senator Dwight Takamine, Chair
Committee on Labor
State of Hawaii
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2010

Senator Taniguchi, Senator Takamine and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: S.B. 2061 Relating to Procurement

My name is **Gregg Serikaku**. I am the Executive Director of the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii.

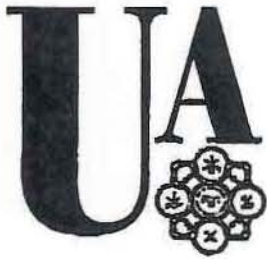
The Association for which I speak **strongly supports** SB2061 which permits subcontractors who are registered under an apprenticeship agreement with DLIR to benefit from a 5% reduction in their bid amount on contracts for \$250,000 or more.

This bill clarifies the intent of Act 17 passed in the 2009 legislative session, by including subcontractors in the bid preference in awards of public works contracts.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully yours,

Gregg S. Serikaku
Executive Director



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PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675 UNITED ASSOCIATION



February 3, 2010

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RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF SB2061

Honorable Chairs Takamine & Taniguchi, Vice Chairs, and Committee members,

My name is **Reginald Castanares**. I am the **Business Manager, Financial Secretary** for the UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS AND FITTERS OF HAWAII, Local 675. We represent over 2,000 members working in the Plumbing, Pipefitting, Air Conditioning, and Fire Sprinkler construction and building trades industry in Hawaii who are employed by 97 of our signatory contractors including the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii (PAMCAH).

ACT 17 fell short of accomplishing the broader intent of the Legislature to promote programs which are designed to enhance training opportunities for our skilled workforce. SB2061, we believe will clear up the confusion and expedite the implementation of ACT 17.

Limiting the 5% bid preference to general contractors ignores the major role which subcontractors play in Hawaii's construction industry. In most instances the general contractor's work covers a smaller share of the overall project. Whereas the multiple subcontractors and their cadre of journeymen and "apprentices" comprise the bulk of the project's workforce.

Thus, we believe that by extending the 5% bid preference to the subcontractors, i.e., where the proverbial rubber meets the road, the industry and the local economy will benefit by a greater allocation of resources towards the apprenticeship and training programs we maintain.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our support for SB2061 with your Committee.