



LATE TESTIMONY

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Hearing on: February 5, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 225

DATE: February 5, 2010

TO: Senate Committee on Education & Housing
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair – Education and Housing
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair – Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Dennis Arakaki, Executive Director

RE: COMMENTS ON SB 2584, Relating to Self Help Housing

Honorable Chair Senator Sakamoto, Chair Senator Hee, Vice-chair Senator Kidani, Senator Tokuda and members of the Senate Committees on Education and Housing and Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, I am Dennis Arakaki, **representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of over 250 Christian churches. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 220,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

We have **serious reservations with SB 2584.** As one who was involved with the birthing of the Rental Housing Trust fund and subsequent attempts to fund the RHTF through legislative grants and a dedicated source of revenue, I can personally testify that the RHTF has yet to realize the vision and mission of the fund. Recently, there have been forces that resulted in the controversy on how the Conveyance Tax fund should be divided between the Natural Area Reserve Fund.

What is being proposed is laudable but may be yet another diversion and potential divisive factor for the parties who currently benefit from the Conveyance Tax. We could support the measure if the percentages for the existing beneficiaries of the tax remain the same and a small percentage be granted as a demonstration of efficiency and effectiveness of using the funds for self-help housing. Given the current shortage of affordable housing for low to moderate income families and individual, every possible resource should be used to promote development and construction of affordable housing.

Thank you for allowing me to testify and share my mana’o regarding this very important measure.



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RE: **IN OPPOSITION OF SB 2584**
RELATING TO SELF-HELP HOUSING.
Hearing: Fri., Feb. 5, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Room 225

Dear Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani and the Senate Committee on Education and Housing:

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 OPPOSES the passage of SB 2584 that establishes a dedicated source of funding for self-help housing by establishing a self-help housing trust fund with income from the conveyance tax.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition of SB 2584.

Sincerely,

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RELATING TO SELF-HELP HOUSING.

Establishes a dedicated source of funding for self-help housing by establishing a self-help housing trust fund with income from the conveyance tax.

**RE:
PLEASE SUPPORT SB2584
RELATING TO SELF-HELP HOUSING**

Aloha:

My name is Mike Dang and I am a Director with Habitat for Humanity, a self-help program to help people build their own homes. I believe that self-help programs are the best way to take care of our needs, whether that self-help is through building and/or buying your own home.

Please support of SB2584 RELATING TO SELF-HELP HOUSING.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Dang". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke and a small loop at the end.

Mike Dang