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TO:

THE HONORABLE SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR AND MEMBERS

OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT:

S.B. 2831, RELATING TO PROCUREMENT CODE.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

TIME:

9:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 016

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

The General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and seventy (570) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, **strongly supports** the passage of S.B. 2831, Relating To The Procurement Code.

S.B. 2831 would amend a portion of Act 175, SLH, 2009 to make permanent the changes made to Section 103-32.1, HRS, by Act 175.

The Act 175 (2009) amendment to Section 103-32.1 edited subsection (e) (2) to eliminate a confusion concerning the procedure and amount of retainage that may be held by the state procurement officer. The GCA believes that the retainage procedure as amended by Act 175 of 2009 is working as intended and should be made permanent.

The GCA strongly supports the passage of S.B 2831 and recommends that it be passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our views on this issue.

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To:

The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair and Members of the

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Subject: SB 2831 Relating to the Procurement Code

Hearing Date & Time – February 23, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

Conference Room 016 Testimony in Support

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lance Inouye and I am the president of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd., General Contractor and member of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii. We have been in business in Hawaii since 1962. We support SB 2831, Relating to the Procurement Code.

This measure would make permanent the provisions of Section 8 of Act 175 (2009) relating to HRS 103-32.1 Contract provisions for retainage; subcontractors. Act 175 edited a subsection of HRS 103-32.1 to eliminate a confusion concerning the procedure and amount of subcontractor retention that may be held by the procurement officer on a public works project. Section 8 of Act 175 clarified the intent of the modifications made to HRS 103-32.1 in 2009. After one year, it appears Act 175 is working as intended and should be made permanent.

We strongly support SB 2831 and respectfully ask that the bill be passed out of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lance M. Inouye

President & CEO