

**SB299**

# IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

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**February 10, 2009**

**Hon. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Government Operations  
State Capitol – Room 219  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Iron Workers Stabilization Fund – T. George Paris, Executive Managing Director**

**Hearing Date – February 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Room 016**

**Support of SB 299, Proposing an Amendment to the Hawaii Constitution Related to  
Residence Requirements for Members of the Legislature**

Under the present applicable constitutional provision, Article III, section 6, entitled "*Qualifications of Members*", any citizen entering the race for the Hawaii senate or house must have lived in our *state* for at least 3 years without any residence requirement in the *district* from which said citizen wishes to run.

In our opinion, we believe that the citizen should be a resident of the State of Hawaii for at least 5 years, and, be a resident of the district from which he or she is to run, for at least 1 year. We feel that these requirements, especially the latter, are reasonable and would be favored by the voters of said district. We believe that without a 1 year residency period in said district, said citizen would not be sufficiently versed in the issues affecting that district and would not be able to properly represent said district.

Thank you for permitting us to testify, and, we respectfully urge this committee to pass this measure