



HAWAII FEDERAL AND AMALGAMATED LOCAL LODGE NO. 1998

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The Senate
State Of Hawaii
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, 2010
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
ATTN: Committee On Transportation

Subject: MODULAR AND FACTORY MANUFACTURED HOMES IN HAWAII.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The members of Hawaii Federal and Amalgamated Local Lodge 1998 has voted to support the building of modular and factory manufactured homes in Hawaii. Please accept Resolution S.C.R. NO. 117 and the attached written testimony by our Local Lodge's Trustee Brother Samuel Mitchell.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Lillis
President

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING & COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION**

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Monday March 22, 2010 at 2 PM in Room 225

My name is Samuel Mitchell and I'm a trustee with the Hawaii Federal & Amalgamated Machinists Local 1998. I am also a delegate to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Council which represents all Machinists Union members in Hawaii.

The Machinists Union Local 1998 & District Council has passed motions in Support of building Modular And Factory Manufactured Homes in Hawaii. I wrote the Modular Housing resolution, which passed at the Hawaii State Democratic Party Convention and I'm glad to see that it is been heard in the Senate.

I am not in any way involved with the building trades council or any construction company. I am employed as a Marine Machinery Mechanic at the Shipyard, so I don't know much about building homes. But, I do work with skilled engineers and mechanics who could set up a factory that could manufacture quality homes at a cheaper price.

Since a lot of my fellow employee are retiring and some of them own land on the Big Island, I felt that we should form a hui and put together kit homes in a factory setting. I work with skilled carpenters, electrician, pipe fitter, riggers and truck drivers. I feel that we can build quality homes at a reduced price. Since most of the property my friends own has no electricity or water I started looking at building homes with solar power, water catchments and a propane tank.

I felt that we could do what Habitat for Humanity is doing, but with a faster building time. Hopefully some construction company or building trades union will see this as an opportunity to provide jobs and to get into the Net Zero housing market. We are asking for your support to make this dream come true.

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