

LATE TESTIMONY

BIA-HAWAII
BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

February 8, 2011

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
State Capitol, Room 312
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB363 "Relating to Construction Sites"

Dear Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business:

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii strongly supports HB363 "Relating to Construction Sites". The bill would continue the work of the Construction Inspection Task Force established by the Legislature last year and appropriates funding for its operations. We believe that the work of the Task Force will reap economic rewards through the fines exacted from those who are not in compliance with all of our laws, including licensing, labor, and immigration laws. The existence of the Task Force will serve as a deterrent to unlicensed activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.



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February 7, 2011

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State Capitol, Room 312
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Re: HB363 "Relating to Construction Sites"

I am Greg Thielen, President and RME of Complete Construction Services. I am a Small Business Owner and have over 20 years experience in the Construction Industry.

I strongly support HB363 for the following reasons. Unlicensed construction activity is ruining this industry, making a mockery of the laws governing this industry and costing the State money. In the process of bidding on projects I regularly encounter people that decide to get Owner/Builder permits and hire unlicensed people to perform their work. These un-regulated people work for cash, do not pay mandated benefits such as health insurance or workers compensation insurance and they do not pay taxes. This makes for an un-fair competitive advantage in bidding, takes advantage of workers and deprives the State of needed income. HB363 will help combat this very large and serious problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Greg Thielen
President/RME