



**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS**

RE: HB 1509 – RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

CONFERENCE ROOM 312

8:00 A.M.

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Chair McKelvey & Members of the Committee:

My name is Maurice Morita, Assistant Director of the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (Hawaii LECET), a partnership between the Laborers Union, Local 368, and our Unionize Employers, and we STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1509 which provides government purchasing information required to be disclosed under the freedom of information law includes bid schedules, contract awards, and any addendums and amendments. It requires the information to be posted on the contracting agency's website within one business day of availability.

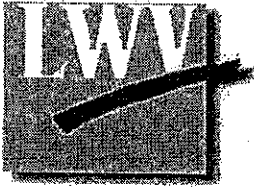
By passing HB 1509, this will require all contracting agencies to be more transparent in their bid schedules, contract awards, addendums, and amendments.

We would like this bill to be applicable to all state and county agencies including autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies, such as, University of Hawaii system, Board of Water Supply, etc.

This bill will amend HRS 92-F, Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified).

The current law only requires bid results to be posted, such as, on a bulletin board at the agency's office, though there are some that do post bid results on their website. Most agencies do not post bid schedules, contract awards, and any addendums and amendments on their website.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

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Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair

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Testifier: Jean Aoki, LWV Legislative Committee

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, members of ERB Committee,

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB 1509. We applaud the addition to Chapter 92F-12, provisions "to include more information on bid schedules, and contract awards, including any addendums and amendments thereto:", and beyond that to have that information posted or updated on a publicly available website within one business day of availability.

The posting of such information so as to make it available to the public will dispel some of the misunderstandings and suspicions that are the product of the lack of transparency. It will do much to increase trust in the process used in the procurement of goods and services by government.

We urge the passage of HB 1509.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Comments:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union supports HB1509 Relating to Government Records. This will help to spur further competition and attain better bids for government.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this short testimony.