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## GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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TO: THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, CHAIR AND  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: S.B. 1088, SD1 HD1 PROPOSED 1 RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE BENEFITS.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 31, 2011  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committees:

The General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, is opposed to the passage of S.B. 1088, SD1 HD1 Proposed 1 Relating To Unemployment Insurance Benefits.

This bill would allow benefits to an individual who, while on partial claim status, voluntarily or involuntarily separates from a secondary employment. We are particularly opposed to language that indicates that benefits will be paid regardless of whether the employee was separated for good cause or not. This provision would not permit employer to challenge the payment of unemployment benefits.

The GCA believes that the existing policies enforced by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations are fair and should be maintained. If this bill is passed and enacted, the result would be a greater demand on the unemployment insurance reserve fund which is already underfunded and will already require a substantial increased payment by the employer.

The GCA is opposed to the passage of S.B. 1088, SD1 HD1 Proposed 1 and recommends that the bill be held.

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