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**LATE TESTIMONY**

March 15, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS

SUBJECT: S.B. 2324, SD2 HD1 PROPOSED 1 RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE BENEFITS.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309

Dear Chairs Rhoads and McKelvey and Members of the Joint Committees:

King & Neel, Inc. is a Hawaii based insurance and bonding agency involved in the building industry since 1967. We are **opposed** to the passage of S.B. 1088, SD1 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 employers 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 substantial increases in payments by employers.

King & Neel, Inc. is **opposed** to the passage of S.B. 1088, SD1 Proposed 1 and recommends that the Bill be held.

Insurance/Surety Bonds/Risk Management