

**BIA-HAWAII**  
**BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

February 4, 2011

Representative Jerry Chang, Chair  
Committee on Water Land & Ocean Resources  
State Capitol, Room 325  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB1504 "Relating to Permits"

Dear Chair Chang and Members of the Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources:

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 supports the intent of HB1504 which we believe is to speed the permitting process, but the mechanism proposed may have the opposite effect. We would request that the county planning and permitting departments be consulted on the practicality of such a mechanism and whether or not they have attempted to do the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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**Comments:**

I support HB1504 with reservations. My concerns are whether or not provisions of section 18 of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, relating to State plans for the development and enforcement of State occupational safety and health standards, will be adhere to during this process.