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Honorable Representative Rida Cabanilla, Chair
Honorable Representative Ken Ito, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Housing
Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: **IN SUPPORT** of HB2575 HD1, RELATING TO THE BOILER AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW
Hearing: Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 9:15 a.m. Conference Room 325

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members;

The Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO is comprised of 16 out of 17 construction trade unions throughout Hawaii. With an estimated membership of 20,000 statewide, our primary mission is to provide employment opportunities and living wages for the many working men and women we represent.

The Council SUPPORTS HB2575 HD1, which establishes the Boiler and Elevator Special Fund for the purpose of collecting and depositing the fees charged for permits, inspections, and certificates of boilers, pressure systems elevators and kindred equipment, and amusement rides to provide sufficient operating funds for the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch.

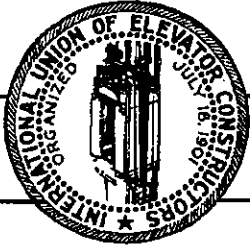
We applaud the efforts of the Department for putting this measure forward in an attempt to address the backlog of elevator inspections that, because of a lack thereof, poses health and safety concerns for the general public who may fall victim to injury and even death due to faulty equipment as a result of the lack of proper and timely inspection.

The Council supports any effort to improve the health and safety of its members.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of HB2575 HD1.

Respectfully;
Kika G. Bukoski
Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council

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LOCAL UNION NO. 126



OF THE

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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Housing

Wednesday, February 15, 2012
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House Bill No. 2575
Relating to the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law

The Honorable Rida T.R. Cabanilla, Chair, Ken Ito, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Housing

HB2575 directly addresses the growing concern regarding the significant backlog of annual elevator inspections. Currently in Hawaii, there is approximately a seven-year backlog on elevator inspections. This backlog creates a potential safety hazard for the general public.

HB2575 increases inspection fees and creates a special fund which will enable the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch to be self-sufficient. This measure also allows for the hiring of additional inspectors and staff with the appropriation of seed money. The passage of this measure will afford the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch to provide safe and dependable elevator service to the general public.

We have worked diligently with various stakeholders to provide a comprehensive solution to this issue. For these reasons, the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 126, fully supports and urges the passage of HB2575.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Yamane
Vice President, IUEC, Local 126

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Rida T.R. Cabanilla, Chair

Rep. Ken Ito, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Wednesday, February 15, 2012; 9:15 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2575, HD1
RELATING TO THE BOILER AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2575, HD1, which establishes the Boiler and Elevator Special Fund for the purpose of collecting and depositing the fees charged for permit, inspections, and certificates of boilers, pressure systems elevators and kindred equipment, and amusement rides to provide sufficient operating funds for the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch. Also requires repayment of the start-up general revenues deposited into the Special Fund within five years.

In the past several years, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division has experienced staffing layoffs that have severely affected the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch to the point that a huge backlog for inspections has occurred. This bill will allow fees to be assessed for a special fund to support the hiring of more inspectors to provide for regular inspections and ensure the safety of all boilers and elevators in Hawaii.

In the public's interest, the ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2575, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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TO: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES RIDA CABANILLA, CHAIR, KEN ITO,
VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING

SUBJECT: **COMMENTS REGARDING H.B. 2575, HD1 RELATING TO BOILER
AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW.** Establishes the Boiler and Elevator Special
Fund for the purpose of collecting and depositing the fees charged for permits,
inspections, and certificates of boilers, pressure systems elevators and kindred
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Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch.

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Dear Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Ito and Members:

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year; it remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. GCA is submitting **comments** regarding H.B. 2575, HD1, Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law.

H.B. 2575, HD1 proposes to require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a special fund to pay for the cost of operating the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch. All fees collected for inspections, permits and examinations of boilers and elevators shall be deposited into the fund effective July 1, 2012. The Bill also establishes a schedule of inspection and licensing fees to be charged pending establishment of a fee schedule under Chapter 91. This Bill would appropriate \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2012-2013 as start up funds to be deposited into the boiler and elevator special fund, provided that it shall be paid back within five years.

The GCA recognizes the necessity of funds to pay for the inspections and examination of boilers and elevators since the installation and operation of defective equipment poses a danger to the general public that use elevators and come in contact with boilers and other pressure vessels.

A large number of elevators and pressure systems are operating without a current permit due to lack of sufficient staff to carry out the needed inspections. The health and safety of the general public could be jeopardized due to lack of funding to carry out the required inspections.

The GCA therefore, supports the intent of H.B. 2575, HD1; however, we take no position regarding the specific fee schedule proposed in the bill. We believe that the specific fee schedule proposed in the bill needs to be explained and examined before we can determine whether the amounts proposed are justified.

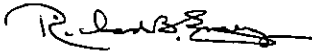
Thank you for this opportunity to present our views on this measure.

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE (CAI) HB2575 SUPPORTS

Community Associations Institute (CAI) supports HB 2575.

Elevator safety is important to everyone and the proposed special fund, changes and fees are reasonable and necessary for the continued safety of the public and residents and guests of associations.



Richard Emery