

LATE TESTIMONY

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In Support of HB2748

Before the House:
Committee on Consumer Protection and
Committee on Judiciary
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012
2:00 PM, Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Herkes, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Rhoads and
Members of the Committees,

My name is Glenn Ida; I represent the 1300 plus active members and about 600 retirees of
the Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675.

Local 675, is in **Supports the intent of HB2748**, which authorizes the Board of Electricians
and Plumbers to regulate Air Conditioning Pipefitters, Fire Sprinkler Technicians and Solar
Technicians.

For the record I'd like to thank Speaker Say for introducing this Bill on behalf of Local 675.
We believe HB2748 will ensure that the consumers of Hawai'i receive highly qualified and
competent service technicians in these rapidly growing industries.

Local 675 provides Training and Certifications for the disciplines of the Plumbing Craft
through our Apprenticeship Program. They are Pipefitting, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration,
Welding, and Fire Sprinkler Systems.

Therefore Local 675 **Supports the intent HB2748**.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII
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TO: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT HERKES, CHAIR, RYAN YAMANE, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR KARL RHOADS, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUBJECT: **STRONG OPPOSITION TO H.B. 2748, RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.** Authorizes the board of electricians and plumbers to regulate air conditioning pipefitters, fire sprinkler technicians, and solar technicians.

HEARING

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PLACE: Conference Room 325

Dear Chairs Herkes and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Yamane and Rhoads and Committee 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 **strongly opposes** H.B. 2748, Relating to Professions and Occupations.

H.B. 2748 proposes to amend Section 448E-5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) by proposing to regulate the work of air conditioning pipe fitters, fire sprinkler technicians and solar technicians by requiring their licensing by the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

This measure would result in regulating the work of individuals who have performed these jobs for many, many years without any major complaints from the public regarding their work performance. Some of the work proposed to be regulated under this bill is currently being performed by workers who are not licensed as electrician or plumbers and work for specialty contractors not classified as plumbing or electrical contractors and do not pose a danger to public safety.

The GCA believes that workers in these classifications perform work that do not pose major health and safety concerns, unlike regular electricians and plumbers regulated under Chapter 448, HRS.

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The GCA believes that his measure is unnecessary and would result over regulation of the construction trades and merely increase the cost to the public.

The GCA is strongly opposed to the passage of H.B. 2748, and recommends that this measure be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on this bill.

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