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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

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March 16, 2012

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

Date: Friday, March 16, 2012  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

From: Dwight Y. Takamine, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: S.B. No. 2220 Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

SB2220SD1 establishes a boiler and elevator special fund to provide a mechanism for self-sufficiency for the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch of the Hawai'i Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH). Key provisions include the following:

- A statutory increase in permit and inspection fees.
- The authority to hire necessary staff.
- An appropriation for seed money from the general fund to be repaid in five years.
- An appropriation in the first year from the special fund to carry out the purposes of the program.

The department strongly supports this administration measure and requests several minor amendments.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

The Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch operates entirely on general funds and permit and inspection fees have not changed since 1998. Currently and despite recent process improvements, 75% of elevators and 50% of boilers are operating without a current permit. There is also a backlog in performing critical load tests on elevators, internal inspection of escalators and inspections of amusement rides.

**III. COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL**

- SB2220SD1 is about public safety, the economy, and jobs. Over the past decade, the boiler and elevator inspection program staffing and budget has suffered from across the board cuts and neglect that has rendered it ineffective and a hindrance to economic revitalization.

<b>Boiler and Elevator Branch Staffing History*</b>											
Year	95	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Filled	21	13	18	11	15	11	14	10	11	10	10
Authorized	21	24	18	19	18	13	14	21	15	11	12
% Filled	100%	54%	100%	58%	83%	85%	100%	48%	73%	91%	83%

*\* Years for which data was readily available.*

- SB2220SD1 takes away the likelihood that the program will suffer from repeated and often automatic across the board cuts by establishing a boiler and elevator special revolving fund whereby the fees being assessed on the stakeholders who are the most immediately impacted by the program will be dedicated to the program. The measure provides a mechanism for self-sufficiency that will enable the program to hire and retain qualified personnel and carry out the inspection and permitting functions related to public safety.
- Elevators, boilers, steam kettles and the like may not meet safety standards and are a potential threat to public safety. Building owners, managers and businesses lose revenue awaiting the state's approval to use heaters and steam kettles for their restaurant, nursing home or institution. Retail stores, doctors and dentist offices must wait for the state's approval for the recently installed elevator or wheelchair lift to bring customers and patients to their doors. At the same time, developers and the construction industry are unable to commit to new projects without some assurance that the current project will be occupied and generate revenue upon completion. Without this assurance, construction workers remain on the bench.

- The department has been working with the various stakeholders since last session to reach consensus and draft this measure. Although owners, managers, and businesses face fee increases averaging nearly 40%, they recognize that the fees have not risen in over 13 years, and are far preferable to the current untenable situation that is much more costly. It is critical that this measure be passed this year to have a chance of addressing the backlogs, the construction bottleneck and the public safety issues within the next two years.

The department offers the following comments about the provisions in the measure:

1. Raises fees by statute until the Director amends such fees by rulemaking in accordance with Chapter 91 to enable a reduction in the backlogs as soon as possible.
2. The seed money is critical to begin and continue operations until qualified staff are hired and trained. The additional staff, while reducing the backlogs, will also increase the amount of income and fees coming into the special fund.
3. The requested \$2,900,000 appropriation is the income based on a fully staffed branch that is maintaining timely inspections and safety tests of the state's inventory of boilers, elevators and kindred equipment, and amusement rides.

The department requests the following amendments:

1. The department requests an amendment to clarify that the ten positions are permanent ones, subject to chapters 76 and 89, which may include a branch manager, up to the equivalent of six full-time elevator inspectors, one boiler inspector, and two office assistants.
2. Taking amusement ride inspection fees (pg. 9, line 11) out of Schedule B and creating a new Section C for amusement ride inspection fees.

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BARBARA A. KRIEG  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
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March 15, 2012

TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEES ON  
LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
AND  
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS

For Hearing on Friday, March 16, 2012  
11:00 a.m., Conference Room 309

BY

BARBARA A. KRIEG  
INTERIM DIRECTOR

**Senate Bill No. 2220, S.D. 1  
Relating to the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TO CHAIRPERSONS RHOADS AND MCKELVEY AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEES:

The purpose of SB 2220, SD1 is to establish the boiler and elevator special fund to collect and deposit fees for inspections, permits, and examinations of boilers, pressure systems, elevators, and kindred equipment; provide for sufficient operating costs to carry out the purpose of the boiler and elevator safety law; and appropriate funds for start up costs and the hiring of necessary staff.

With respect to the Department of Human Resources Development's (DHRD) role to administer the state human resources program and central human resources services such as recruitment, examination, and classification, DHRD supports the current draft which removed the provision that would have given the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Director the authority to set compensation and other working conditions that may be different from those administered by DHRD.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



LOCAL UNION NO. 126



OF THE

# International Union of Elevator Constructors

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Regular Session of 2012  
Hawaii State House of Representatives

Committee on Labor & Public Employment  
&  
Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

Friday, March 16, 2012  
11:00 a.m., Conference Room 309

Senate Bill No. 2220, SD1  
Relating to the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, Angus L. K. Mckelvey, Chair, and Members of the Committees:


SB2220, SD1, 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.

SB2220, SD1, 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 SB2220, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marc Yamane

Vice-President, IUEC, Local 126

The Pacific Resource  
**PARTNERSHIP**



Testimony of C. Mike Kido  
External Affairs  
The Pacific Resource Partnership

House Committee on Labor & Public Employment  
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
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House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business  
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SB 2220, SD1 – Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law  
Friday, March 16, 2012  
11:00 am  
Conference Room 309

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Choy and Members of the Committees:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, formerly the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP supports SB 2220, SD1 Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law which establishes a special fund and a fee schedule to increase funding to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). These funds will help to hire additional inspectors which will mean increased safety for Hawaii residents.

Additional inspectors will help developers obtain building and occupancy permits faster, thereby reducing construction costs and facilitating additional construction projects.

PRP supports this measure which helps to promote public safety, job creation, and overall boost to our economy. Thank you for the opportunity to share our view with you and we respectfully ask for your **support** on SB 2220, SD1.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:  
March 14, 2012

Chair Rhoads; Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union strongly supports SB2220,SD1 related to boiler and elevator safety. Heaven forbid that we suffer a major elevator accident or boiler blow up in our visitor industry or businesses or residential apartments for lack of inspection resources. As more and more urban development occurs with more high rise buildings, more lift machinery, escalators, elevators and boilers, more inspections will be needed. We understand that a backlog exists with little hope of catching up with additional staff and funding under normal budgetary processes. Thus, this bill will help to alleviate the problem. Please pass this important safety bill.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Al Lardizabal  
Government Relations

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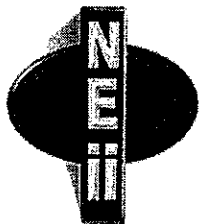
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Submitted on: 3/13/2012

**Comments:**

This Bill supports safety in all of Hawaii's condominium associations at a reasonable fee. I support this Bill.





# National Elevator Industry, Inc.

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### Testimony from the National Elevator Industry, Inc. (NEII)

### in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2220 SD 1 Relating to the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law

### House Committee on Labor & Public Employment and House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

Friday, March 16, 2012, 11:00 a.m., Room 309

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Yamashita and Choy, and members of the committee:

The National Elevator Industry Inc (“NEII®”) is a national trade organization representing the interests of firms that install, maintain and/or manufacture (including parts or components) elevators, escalators, moving walks and other building transportation systems. NEII member companies have significant operations across Hawaii, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on SB 2220 SD 1.

NEII® is very concerned about the several year backlog of inspections in the elevator and boiler branch of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). We recognize that the State’s fiscal crisis has greatly contributed to the current challenges faced by DLIR with their current limited and overburdened staff. However, the inability to timely and effectively manage the inspections of elevators and other building transportation equipment in Hawaii raises safety issues, creates construction delays and results in significant cost burdens on the commercial business community in the State.

We would hope that responsible building owners in the State would arrange for their elevator equipment to be regularly and routinely maintained with necessary repairs or replacements made but only a current operating permit and approval of critical load tests will ensure the ongoing confidence of the riding public that such equipment is truly safe to use. Fortunately, there hasn’t been an elevator related fatality in the State for quite some time. A proper inspection and test approval program would be of invaluable assistance in continuing that trend.

The administrative quagmire that the DLIR finds itself in is exacerbating the economic crisis by stalling the occupancy of buildings that could help drive the State’s economic engine back to prosperity. Delayed occupancy means a delay in the sale and/or lease of buildings. Meanwhile, construction loan payments are still required draining away precious resources from cash-strapped property owners that could be allocated to other income producing projects. Financially distressed properties lead to increasing amounts of deferred maintenance thereby creating safety concerns (including elevators, building, fire and life safety systems) as well as lost jobs for the elevator industry that services existing equipment and that installs original equipment for new

projects that never get off ground due to lack of funding. More loans will go into default and foreclosure as sufficient proceeds are not available to pay outstanding debt service. Every foreclosure and forced sale drives down the value of other area properties and makes construction lenders even more skittish about financing other projects. All of this creates a downward spiral that makes it harder for the Hawaii economy to recover from an already depressed state.

For over a year, *NEII*® has participated in a collaborative working group that includes key stakeholders in the elevator and building industries. This group has developed a strong working relationship with DLIR and we have seen a positive commitment to resolving the backlog of inspections. SB 2220 SD 1 would re-establish a revolving fund dedicated to the elevator branch which would allow the DLIR to recruit and hire suitably qualified staff for the necessary inspector positions including, most importantly, the Chief Elevator Inspector who would then be in a position to immediately fill the current leadership vacuum.

*NEII*®'s is the premier association representing the interests of firms that install, maintain and/or manufacture elevators, escalators, moving walks and other building transportation products. The *NEII*® membership includes the top elevator companies in the United States, if not the world, and reports more than eighty percent of the work hours for the industry. Safety for the riding public and industry professionals is one of *NEII*®'s top priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the elevator industry's comments today.



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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
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Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
March 16, 2012

S.B. 2220, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE BOILER  
AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2220, S.D. 1, which establishes the boiler and elevator special fund within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to collect and deposit fees for inspections, permits and examinations of boilers, pressure systems and elevators. This bill will provide a mechanism for the program to be self-sufficient and the necessary funding to hire and retain a sufficient number of qualified personnel to inspect boilers, elevators, pressure systems and amusement rides. This program is essential in protecting public health and safety.

The bill directly addresses the need for more manpower necessary to work on a backlog of inspections. Currently, about 75% of the elevators and 50% of the boilers are operating without a current permit because of overdue inspections or their permits are delayed. There is also a backlog in conducting critical load tests on elevators, internal inspections of escalators and inspection of amusement rides. By increasing its funding and being able to hire additional staff, the department can enhance public safety.

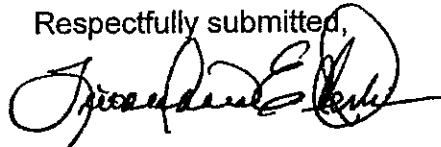
In addition, S.B. 2220, S.D. 1 will help developers to obtain building and occupancy permits faster and, thus, will be able to recover costs and move on to the next project. Contractors will be better able to plan for ongoing and future construction projects and bring unemployed workers back to work. Finally, building and building operating costs will be reduced as timely permits to operate will be issued thereby assuring building insurers that the equipment is safe to operate.

We suggest amending S.B. 2220, S.D. 1 to clarify in Section 5 of the bill that the ten positions are permanent ones, subject to Chapters 76 and 89, HRS, and include a branch manager, up to the equivalent of six full-time elevator inspectors, one boiler inspector and two office assistants.

House of Representatives,  
Committee on Labor & Public Employment  
Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business  
Testimony by Hawaii Government Employees Association  
re: S.B. 2220, S.D. 1  
March 16, 2012  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2220, S.D. 1 with the suggested amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 26, 2012

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chairman, Senate Committee of Judiciary and Labor

From: Bert Yorita, Hawaii Operations Manager  
Mitsubishi Elevators & Escalators

Re: S.B. No. 2220 Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law

As an elevator and escalator installation and service company, we hereby submit this testimony in support of the proposal submitted by the DLIR Elevator Inspection Branch. With the current insufficient amount of Inspectors, including the lack of a Supervisor, there are significant effects to elevator installation and service companies, and to also include, the end user.

Timely processing of applications for installation/alteration permits cannot be achieved with the current staffing of the Elevator Inspection Branch. In most cases, material orders are subject to receipt of an installation/alteration permit. Delayed permits will likely result in a alter start/finish date, consequently, unnecessary increases in labor and material costs occurs. A project price cannot be "changed" once awarded, thereby the company must absorb all cost increases which were not originally planned for. Project completion delays impacts the Customer or end user's ability to take possession of the project, and in the case of retail, delayed opening results in loss of revenue. We are also more susceptible to "liquidated damages" due to completion delays.

Emergency situations do arise which cannot be planned or scheduled for in advance, such as accidents, emergency replacements of components, etc.. Majority of situations requires an Inspector's site visit and approval to operate the equipment, prior to the equipment being released for operation. Until such inspection occurs, the equipment must remain inoperative. Due to inadequate staffing, emergency equipment inspections are substantially delayed. Imagine being a tenant in a single elevator building, and an emergency replacement or incident occurs that requires an inspection and examination prior to usage. You patiently wait for the inspection to take place. A few days pass, so you ask the building manager, "when is the elevator going to work?". The manager responds, "I don't know, the elevator service company didn't say". The manager then calls the service company again, and is told, "we don't know, the Inspector's Office hasn't replied to us, or even acknowledged that they received our request for an emergency inspection." Envision that this continues for a week, then another week.

Timely responses and communications to requests for inspection, testing, or installation from the Inspector's Branch, is required. Delayed or non-response presents a huge problem for companies as well as owners and end users. It is extremely difficult for labor and project job planning, and subsequently, could jeopardize a worker's employment, or the potential for new employment.

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**Hawai'i Chapter**

March 15, 2012

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chairman, Senate Committee of Judiciary and Labor

From: Leslie T. Taniyama, V.P.  
International Facilities Management Association – Hawai'i Chapter

Re: S.B. No. 2220 Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law

As an engineer and building/facility consultant and an officer of the Hawai'i Chapter of the International Facility Management Association, I endorse and fully support the purpose and intent of S.B.2220, which will establish a special fund within DLIR to collect and retain fees for the inspections, permits, examinations of boilers, pressure systems, elevators and other apparatus sanctioned by the department. The special fund will allow for the needed dedicated revenue stream that will provide for the increase in staffing for the fulfillment of timely commitments to inspections, testing and permitting, and further allow for productive resources not presently provided by present funding.

As a designer and consultant, and now director and officer of IFMA, I endorse the creative efforts of the department for driving the development of the proposed bills. Through the creativity and leadership of the department and the passage of this bill, I anticipate a dramatic improvement in the timely inspection, testing and response to our, as well as, public safety needs.

I strongly encourage and endorse the passing of S.B. No, 2220.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**GCA of Hawaii**

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

Quality People. Quality Projects.

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March 16, 2012

TO: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES KARL RHOADS, CHAIR, RYAN YAMANE, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES ANGUS MCKELVEY, CHAIR, ISAAC CHOY, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 2220, SD1, RELATING TO BOILER AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW.** Establishes the boiler and elevator special fund to collect and deposit fees for inspections, permits, and examinations of boilers, pressure systems, elevators, and kindred equipment; provides for sufficient operating costs to carry out the purpose of the boiler and elevator safety law. Appropriates funds for start up costs and hiring of necessary staff. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 16, 2012  
TIME: 11:00 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 309

Dear Chairs Rhoads and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Yamane and Choy 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 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; GCA remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii whose mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest. GCA is submitting testimony in **support** of S.B. 2220, SD1, Relating to Boiler and Elevator Safety Law.

S.B. 2220, SD1 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. 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 funds, amount yet to be determined, for fiscal year 2012-2013 from general revenues, as start up funds to be deposited into the boiler and elevator special fund.

The GCA recognizes the necessity of funds to pay for the inspections and examination of boilers and elevators. 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. Furthermore, projects could potentially get stalled if the appropriate safety inspections are not conducted in a timely manner.

The GCA supports S.B. 2220, SD1, given the related stakeholders agree on the fees being proposed.

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





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March 15, 2012

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
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House of Representatives Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair  
House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

Friday, March 16, 2012; 11:00 AM  
Hawaii State Capital, House Conference Room 309

Re: SB 2220 RELATING TO BOILER & ELEVATOR SPECIAL FUND – In Support

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Yamashita and Choy, and Members of their respective Committees,

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Hawaii (BOMA) supports SB2220 relating to the proposed Boiler & Elevator Special Fund.

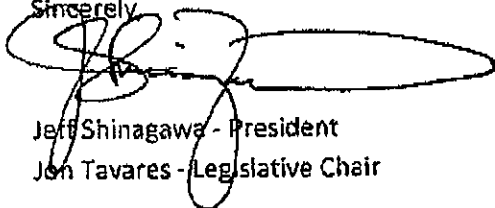
BOMA Members manage a number of high profile commercial Office Buildings and other Facilities in the State of Hawaii contributing over \$183 Million to the State's economy and supporting over 4,500 jobs annually.

For the past decade our members have experienced elevators and escalators go without proper inspection. This practice has increased the potential risk and liability for our buildings, employees, and customers. In addition, the lack of an updated inspection has often resulted in negative context toward the facility.

We support the proposed increase in fees and feel that this will be a positive step in ensuring the safety of our buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely



Jeff Shinagawa - President  
Jon Tavares - Legislative Chair

**BOMA Hawaii**

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State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Friday, March 16, 2012; 11:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2220, SD1  
RELATING TO THE BOILER AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2220, SD1, which establishes the boiler and elevator special fund to collect and deposit fees for inspections, permits, and examinations of boilers, pressure systems, elevator, and kindred equipment, and provides for sufficient operating costs to carry out the purpose of the boiler and elevator safety law.

The Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division went through staff layoffs during the past several years, resulting in fewer positions for boiler and elevator inspections. This bill will allow fees to be assessed and establish a special fund to support the hiring of more inspectors to provide for regular inspection and ensure the safety of all boilers and elevators in Hawaii. Clearly, this purpose serves the the public's interest.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2220, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LATE



Schindler

Testimony from the  
Roy F. Andersch II, Schindler Elevator Company  
in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2220 SD 1  
Relating to the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law  
House Committee on Labor & Public Employment  
and House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business  
Friday, March 16, 2012, 11:00 a.m., Room 309

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and Mckelvey, Vice Chairs Yamashita and Choy, and members of the committee:

I am writing today as a concerned stakeholder in this industry, a frequent user of vertical transportation and to express my support of S.B. #2220. What is at stake with this bill is the guarantee of safety to the general public by the State of Hawaii when using vertical transportation.

For far too long many of the State's vertical transportation systems have operated without the self imposed annual testing and certification of the elevator inspection branch due to a severe lack of manpower. New installations and modernizations of existing systems have been delayed in being certified by the State's elevator inspection branch due to the lack of manpower and challenge to manage scheduling requirements. Owners of vertical transportation systems are not provided certification from the State that the systems are safe and this hinders their ability to acquire insurance coverage with this lack of documentation.

Passage of this bill would provide this department the opportunity to meet these needs and to deliver that guarantee of safety to the State's general public who use these systems every day.

Regards,  
Schindler Elevator Corporation

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**COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

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SB 2220 SD1 Relating to the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law

I am here to testify in support of SB 2220 SD1. With the establishment of this special fund to collect and deposit fees for inspections, permits and examinations of boilers, pressure systems, elevators, and kindred equipment will provide funds to hire more inspectors. This will provide a safety measure for installation and maintenance of boilers and elevators.

I ask for your passage of this legislation.

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