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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION  
Tuesday, February 28, 2012  
9:45 a.m., Conference Room 229

**SB 236 - RELATING TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

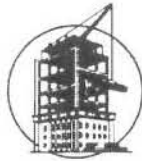
My name is Maurice Morita and I am the assistant director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

The Hawaii LECET **strongly opposes** SB 236 which reconfigures the composition of the contractors licensing board.

The current composition of 5 general contractors, 5 specialty contractors and 3 public members of the Contractors Licensing Board has been in place for decades. Hawaii LECET feels this composition is fair and equitable, and does not warrant a change at this time.

This bill reconfigures the Contractor License Board so that the non-contractors will outnumber contractors (seven to six). The Contractor License Board reviews and approves contractor license applications. We don't see how reducing contractor members will improve the Contractor License Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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RE: **IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT** of SB236 RELATING TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 09:45 a.m. Conference Room 229

Honorable Chair(s), Vice Chair(s) 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 to the many working men and women we represent.

The Council SUPPORTS THE INTENT SB236, which proposes to reconfigure the composition of the contractors licensing board to include exclusive representatives of collective bargaining units involved in the construction trades, and reduce from 5 to 3 members representatives of both general and speciality contractors.

Please consider the following proposed amendments to SB236 which amends section 444-3(b)(1) to be consistent with the proposed reductions in contractors aggregate representation and specifies that representation from collective bargaining be those from the construction industry.

**§444-3 Contractors license board.** (a) There shall be a contractor's license board of thirteen members.

(b) Of the board members:

(1) [~~Ten~~] Six shall be contractors who have been actively engaged in the contracting business for a period of not less than five years preceding the date of their appointment;

(2) [~~Five~~] Three shall be general engineering or building contractors, [~~five~~] three shall be specialty contractors, three shall be exclusive representatives of collective bargaining units involved in the construction trades, and [~~three~~] four shall be noncontractors, No member shall receive any compensation for the member's services, but each shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of duties.

(c) Each county shall be represented on the board.

(d) No one, except the three noncontractor members, shall be eligible for appointment who does not at the time of the member's appointment hold a valid and unexpired license to operate as a contractor.

Decisions made by the Contractors Licensing Board have a direct impact on our members, the working men and women of the construction industry. The proposed amendments will provide fair representation for all stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB236.

Respectfully;

Kika G. Bukoski

Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council

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Testimony for CPN 2/28/2012 9:45:00 AM SB236

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/28/2012

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Glenn Nohara and I have been a licensed contractor over 20 years.

I am strongly opposed to SB 236 which proposes to change the composition of the Contractors License Board (CLB) and includes the addition of three collective bargaining representatives.

The current makeup of the CLB provides a balance of general contractor, specialty contractor, and public members and is working well. This bill proposing to put members on the board solely based on their collective bargaining status has no reasonable basis.

I strongly recommend that SB 236 be held in committee.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Nohara  
President  
Genba Hawaii, Inc.