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**H.B. 339  
RELATING TO CONTRACTORS**

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

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The DOT **opposes** HB 339, which proposes to revise H.R.S. § 444 by adding a new section authorizing the Contractors License Board (Board) to accept reasonably equivalent experience in lieu of a specific experience requirement for licensure.

This proposed revision is unnecessary as the Contractor Licensing implementing rules, H.A.R. § 16-77-20 already includes a similar provision:

§ 16-77-20 Power of board to accept equivalent knowledge. The board in its discretion may accept any reasonably equivalent knowledge, training, or experience of the applicant in lieu of a specific experience requirement if upon investigation it makes a detailed finding to that effect.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony to the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

**3:00 p.m.**

**State Capitol - Conference Room 325**

**RE: H.B. 339, RELATING TO CONTRACTORS**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Kawakami, and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **opposes** H.B. 339, Relating to Contractors. This measure proposes to add a new section to Chapter 444, HRS, to allow the contractors license board (CLB) to accept, in lieu of a specific experience requirement for licensure, equivalent knowledge, training, or experience, including self-employed or unlicensed experience, if the board investigates and makes a detailed written finding to that effect and the finding is made available for public inspection.

The BIA questions the need for this measure, as the current rules of the CLB already allows for this equivalency consideration under Section 16-77-20, Power of board to accept equivalent knowledge.

The proposal in H.B. 339 to make the CLB's written finding be made available to public inspection is also similarly unnecessary as the CLB makes all of its information available to the public pursuant with the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA), Chapter 92F, HRS. Section 92F-14, HRS, provides certain privacy protections for applicants for licensure. Requiring such information to be released is not justified and would be contrary to the purpose of the UIPA.

Therefore, BIA-Hawaii is **opposed** to H.B. 339.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.