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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

HB 763, HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE  
Monday, April 1, 2013  
9:55 a.m.  
State Capitol - Conference Room 211

Aloha Chairs Espero and Ige, Vice Chairs Baker and Kidani, and members of the Committees:

The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

PRP **supports** HB 763, HD1, which modifies the composition of the Hawaii State Building Code Council and revises the State Building Code.

The current composition of the State Building Code Council (SBCC) includes four county building officials, representatives from the State Fire Council, Department of Health, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, American Institute of Architects, and from the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii.

While Chapter 107 requires the SBCC to consult with the construction industry, we do not have a vote. We are making a reasonable proposal that the construction industry have a voice on the SBCC. As voting members, the construction industry would be able to provide valuable input

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to the SBCC regarding the impacts of code changes on construction practice, costs, and whether materials to meet the new requirements are even available in our State.

Adding representatives from the construction industry would be consistent with the practices of many other states. According to the International Code Council, at least 25 state building code councils include representation from the construction industry.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support on HB 763, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this important initiative with you.

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers comments on HB763 HD1, which would make amendments related to the State Building Code.

The intent of section 4 of HB763 HD1 is unclear in deleting the existing statutory language regarding indigenous Hawaiian architecture. OHA has an interest in promoting the use of indigenous Hawaiian architecture, however given our confusion over the intent we offer no suggested amendments to the bill at this time. Instead OHA offers the following questions to encourage a clear understanding of the bill as it moves through the legislative process:

- Is the intent of the bill to ensure that the design of State building construction can utilize indigenous Hawaiian architecture?
- Is the intent to ensure that if the design of State building construction utilizes indigenous Hawaiian architecture, applicable county ordinances relating to such architecture will be complied with?

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.