

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

LATE TESTIMONY

**RE: HOUSE BILL 923 HD 1 RELATING TO DISABILITY COMPENSATION
DIVISION SPECIAL FUND**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **opposes** HB 923 HD1 Relating to Disability Compensation Division Special Fund.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chambers main concerns is that we are unsure what the fees will be and what is the need for this additional funding stream. Furthermore, we have concern of creating a new special fund and fee system without an overall financial plan. We support the resource needs of the division and perhaps its loss of \$400,000 in general funds can be reinstated. Also we suggest that the waiver of the fee be upon approval of application to proceed in forma pauperis rather than "good cause".

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.