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March 25, 2013

To: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
The Honorable Representatives Angus L.K. McKelvey and Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chairs

From: Al Itamoto, Executive Director  
Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii  
National Electrical Contractors Association, Hawaii Chapter

Subject: HRC 85, requesting the Contractors License Board to prepare a Report that Evaluates Each Automatic Specialty License Issued to "A" General Engineer Contractors and "B" General Building Contractors.

Notice of Hearing

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chairs McKelvey, Kawakami and Committee members:

The Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH) is a non-profit association consisting of electrical contractors doing business in the State of Hawaii. ECAH **strongly supports** the intent and purpose of SCR84.

The intent and purpose of SCR84 corrects the inequities currently in place that governs the procedures and process the Contractors License Board (CLB) approves applications for "A" General Engineering Contractors and "B" General Building Contractors. Currently, the CLB automatically grants 17 specialty contractors licenses to the "A" General Engineering Contractor and 10 specialty licenses to the "B" General Building Contractor without further proof of supervisory experience in any of the specialty classifications automatically granted and without any additional fees. An individual specialty contractor, "C" license is only granted with proof of four years of supervisory experience and fees for each individual specialty license classifications applied for. The overall rationale is to assure that the contractor has the experience to contract with and perform the work for those that depend on the contractor to complete the work correctly. Why then is it required to have a specialty contractor to provide proof of experience as well as the associated fees in each classification but the "A" and "B" contractor is automatically granted a total of 27 specialty licenses and not required to provide any proof of experience in each specialty license granted. It doesn't make common sense that a C-9 cesspool contractor or a C-37a sewer and drain line contractor or a C-61 solar energy system contractor must

provide proof of supervisory experience when an "A" General Engineer Contractor is granted those licenses automatically without the supervisory experience for each specific classification.

One common argument in opposition will be that there are fifty or so years under the current process and that is no need to make any changes to what has worked all along. You must recognize that the current rules were adopted when the general contractors ruled the CLB with the majority of its members. It is easy to understand why the present process is in place. It also does not make for an equitable process when you single out a class of contractors, specifically, Specialty Contractors, with more stringent and demanding rules. Presently, there is no assurance that the "A" and "B" contractors have the expertise in every automatic specialty license.

It is the burden of the CLB to insure to the public that each contractor granted a license to contract and perform work in Hawaii has the required qualifications and experience for public safety and welfare as well as workers' safety. Knowledge and experience must be insured for each classification of specialty work.

Based on the above, ECAH **strongly supports** the passage of SCR84 and urge the committee to move this Resolution forward.

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

## List of Licenses

### "A" License

1. C-3 asphalt, paving and surfacing;
2. C-9 cesspool;
3. C-10 scaffolding;
4. C-17 excavating, grading and trenching;
5. C-24 building, moving and wrecking;
6. C-31 cement concrete;
7. C-32 ornamental guardrail and fencing;
8. C-35 pile driving, pile and caisson drilling and foundation;
9. C-37a sewer and drain line;
10. C-37b irrigation and lawn sprinkler systems;
11. C-38 post tensioning;
12. C-43 sewer, sewage disposal, drain and pipe laying
13. C-49 swimming pool;
14. C-56 welding;
15. C-57a pumps installation;
16. C-57b injection wells;
17. C-61 solar energy systems

### "B": License

1. C-5 cabinet, millwork and carpentry remodeling and repairs;
2. C-6 carpentry;
3. C-10 scaffolding;
4. C-12 drywall;
5. C-24 building moving and wrecking;
6. C-25 institutional and commercial equipment;
7. C-31a cement concrete;
8. C-32a wood and vinyl fencing;
9. C-42a aluminum and other metal shingles;
10. C-42b wood shingles and wood stakes

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March 26, 2013

Testimony to the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 27, 2013  
4:00 p.m.  
Capitol, Room 325

**RE: HCR 85/HR 67 REQUESTING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD TO PREPARE  
A REPORT THAT EVALUATES EACH AUTOMATIC SPECIALTY LICENSE ISSUED TO  
"A" GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS AND "B" GENERAL BUILDING  
CONTRACTORS.**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and members of the Committee:

We are Dean Asahina, President and Gene Asahina, Secretary/Treasurer of Universal Construction, Inc. We are members of both BIA-Hawaii and the General Contractors Association of Hawaii

Universal Construction, inc. offers comments on SCR 84/SR/50, which requests the Contractors License Board to prepare a report that evaluates each automatic specialty license issued to "A" general engineering contractors and "B" general building contractors.

While we defer to the Contractors License Board with regards to their expertise in determining and applying licensing requirements and criteria, we strongly recommend that a comprehensive review of all licenses under Chapter 444 be conducted, not just limited to "A" and "B" licenses. Including all licenses will ensure a fairer evaluation.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Very truly yours,

**UNIVERSAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

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March 27, 2013



TO: Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair, Honorable Derrick Kawakami, Vice Chair and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

SUBJECT: COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS to HRC85/HR REQUESTING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD TO PREPARE A REPORT THAT EVALUATES EACH AUTOMATIC SPECIALTY LICENSE ISSUED TO "A" GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS AND "B" GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

HEARING:  
DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013  
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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami and Members of the Committee,

The MASONS UNION LOCAL 1 & 630 requests the amendments being proposed by the General Contractors Association of Hawaii to HCR 85/HR 67 to include a review of all classifications of licensing, including "C" license, which also has automatic licenses issued under "C" classification. In order to fairly assess the granting of automatic licenses, a thorough review of all licenses "A", "B" & "C" should be conducted, and not a piecemeal approach in order to adequately address any amendments to Chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes. As currently drafted, the Resolution is biased and against the "A" and "B" general contractors.

HCR 85/HR 67 proposes to require the Contractors License Board to prepare a report that evaluates each automatic specialty license issued to the "A" General Engineering Contractors and "B" General Building Contractors. We REQUEST that all "C" licenses be included.

The Masons Union Local 1 & 630 represents 1800 members of the following construction trades, Bricklayers, Stone Masons, Ceramic Tile Setters, Marble Masons, Pointer Caulker, Cement Finishers.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on these Resolutions.

Testimony of Glenn Ida  
Representing,  
The Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675  
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Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair



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Re: In Strong Support of HCR 85/HR 67

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glenn Ida representing the active and retired members of the Plumbers and Fitters Local 675.

Local 675, strongly supports HCR 85/HR 67, requesting the Contractors License Board to prepare a report that evaluates each automatic specialty license issued to "A" General Engineering Contractors and "B" General Building Contractors.

Local 675 is looking forward to the resulting report that will identify each of specialty licenses that is automatically granted to "A" general engineering and "B" general building contractors. Evaluate the definition of the C-5 contractor and determine whether the definition should be modified. Provide an explanation and justification why each specialty license is automatically granted to "A" and "B" Contractors and suggest amendments or modifications to the current practice of issuing specialty licenses.

Therefore Local 675 is in strong support of HCR 85/HR 67.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Glenn Ida



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Executive Secretary  
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President/ Owner  
TJR WORKS! LLC