



Testimony of Cindy McMillan
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House Committee on Labor & Public Employment
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

SB 1293, SD1 – Relating to Contractors
Monday, March 25, 2013
2:00 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Aloha Chairs Nakashima and McKelvey, and Vice Chairs Hashem and Kawakami, 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 **opposes** SB 1293, SD1, Relating to Contractors, which requires any person applying for a license as an electrical contractor, pole and line contractor, high voltage electrical contractor, or electronic systems contractor to possess a trade license to perform electrical work in the State. This measure also provides an exemption for employees of a public utility within the State.

PRP believes the intent behind this bill is unclear. Contractors are governed under Chapter 444, HRS, and a journey worker is governed under Chapter 448E, HRS, yet the bill seems to assume these licensure requirements are reciprocal. This vagueness will only lead to further confusion and unnecessary regulation of the contractor license application process.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we kindly ask that this bill be held in your committees.