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# LATE TESTIMONY

## GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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TO: HONORABLE SENATOR WILL ESPERO, CHAIR, ROSALYN BAKER, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 213, HD3 RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.** Reconfigures the membership of the state building code council by eliminating members from the department of health and department of labor and industrial relations, and adding members from the Building Industry Association, General Contractors' Association, Hawaii Construction Alliance, and Subcontractors' Association of Hawaii. Changes the requirements for a quorum from six to seven. Eliminates the council's obligation to consult with private sector representatives regarding construction practices and training.

### HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2013  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 224

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

GCA is in **support** of S.B. 213, Relating to the State Building Code. S.B. 213 proposes to amend the membership of the Hawaii State Building Code Council to increase the representation of members of the construction industry.

GCA is willing to participate in the Hawaii State Building Code Council, alongside the technical experts in the building industry to ensure a balance of public health and safety with construction industry practices. The GCA believes that this bill proposes to offer a necessary balance to the membership of the State Building Code Council.

The GCA therefore, requests that this Committee pass out S.B. 213 and is willing to participate in the Hawaii State Building Code Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to present our views on this measure.

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The Pacific Resource  
**PARTNERSHIP**



Testimony of Cindy McMillan  
The Pacific Resource Partnership

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

SB 213- RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
Thursday, February 7, 2013  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol - Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

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

PRP **supports** SB 213, which reconfigures the membership of the State Building Code Council by eliminating certain members and adding members representing the construction industry.

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 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.

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For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support on SB 213. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this important initiative with you.