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## **TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND HOUSING**

**Monday, April 14, 2014**

**2:50 p.m.**

**State Capitol - Room 016**

### **RE: HCR 176/H.R. 134, ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE AND IDENTIFY AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD INCREASE ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND IMPARTIALITY IN THE PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND HCR 213, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IDENTIFYING THE COMMON REASONS FOR DELAY IN THE PROCUREMENT, PLANNING, DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLICLY FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the Committee,

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

During the 2013 Legislative session, this Legislature passed S.C.R. 92, which requested the Comptroller to establish a task force to study the State Procurement Code and identify amendments that would increase economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and impartiality in the procurement of public works construction projects.

We request this Committee hold H.C.R. 176, until the Task Force is required to submit its report on findings and proposed legislation to the Legislature in 2015.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our views.