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## **TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014**

**9:00 A.M.**

**HAWAII STATE CAPITOL - ROOM 229**

### **SUBJECT: S.B. 2260 - RELATING TO WAGES AND HOURS ON PUBLIC WORKS**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, 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.

BIA-Hawaii **opposes** S.B. 2260, which proposes to extend the suspension period from three to five years for a third violation of a person or firm who fails to pay the prevailing wage under a public work contract.

Under current law, a contractor who inadvertently pays an employee working on multiple projects at the same time under an erroneous classification could potentially face a three year suspension for three notice of violations. This contractor would have insufficient notice or a lack of opportunity to correct the violation before being penalized.

Increasing the period from three to five years is unreasonable and will not resolve the delay in processing these violations, which is the real problem. Perhaps this Committee could review S.B. 3039, which would fund two permanent full time labor law enforcement specialist IV positions to help enforce the existing prevailing wage law.

Based on the foregoing reasons, BIA-Hawaii **opposes** S.B. 2260.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our views.

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**SB2260**

Submitted on: 1/28/2014

Testimony for CPN on Jan 29, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Al Lardizabal	Hawaii Laborers' Union	Support	No

Comments: Senator Baker, Chair and members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee: The proposed amendment will bolster the enforcement of the Prevailing Wage law. Workers are entitled to proper and timely wage payments under the law, anything less is akin to stealing from the worker. The Hawaii Laborers' Union supports the bill.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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