

**PRESENTATION OF THE
CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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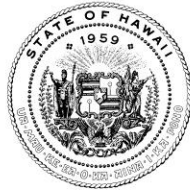
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2475, RELATING TO ASSISTING UNLICENSED
CONTRACTORS.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Peter H. M. Lee, Chairperson of the Contractors License Board's ("Board") Legislative Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2475, which proposes to clarify that a licensed contractor who aids and abets an unlicensed contractor may be subject to additional discipline by the Board.

The Board supports this measure as it enhances its ability to protect consumers. Thank you for allowing us to testify on this bill.



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TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2475, Relating to Assisting Unlicensed Contractors. My name is Daria Loy-Goto, Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers the following testimony in support of the bill.

Senate Bill No. 2475 amends §444-9.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") to provide that a contractor licensee who aids and abets an unlicensed contractor may be subject to further discipline by the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The bill

seeks the same amendments as House Bill No. 2583, which this Committee heard and passed out unamended, but which did not cross over.

Senate Bill No. 2475 will enable RICO to pursue, and authorize the Board to take, disciplinary action against contractor licensees who aid and abet unlicensed contractors. We believe the bill will not only enhance enforcement efforts, but also serves an important consumer protection function by dissuading licensed contractors from recommending unlicensed contractors to unwitting consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2475. I will be happy to answer any questions members of the Committee may have.

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Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: S.B. 2475 - RELATING TO ASSISTING UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii. The SAH represents the following nine separate and distinct subcontracting organizations.

Those organizations are:

HAWAII FLOORING ASSOCIATION
ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII
HAWAII WALL AND CEILING INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
TILE CONTRACTORS PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM
PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII
SHEETMETAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII
PAINTING AND DECORATING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
PACIFIC INSULATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

We support this bill.

The subject of unlicensed contractors is often the number one complaint that licensed contractors have. We find it particularly objectionable to complain about unlicensed contractors on the one hand and aid and abet them on the other hand.

Therefore, since this bill will allow the Board to discipline licensees for assisting unlicensed contractors. We agree and support it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.