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February 19, 2014

Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
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Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: **SB2618** Relating to the Contractor License Board

Date: February 20, 2014

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Room 229

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

SB2618 proposes to change the membership of the Contractor's License Board (CLB) by maintaining the membership of the general contractors at (5), decreasing the membership of the non-contractor members (3 to 2) and increasing the membership of the specialty contractors (5 to 7).

The Hawaii Laborers' Union strongly opposes SB2618. We believe that the current make-up of the CLB is balanced and functioning well and administering the rules in accordance with the law. SB2618 will tip the balance unduly in favor of the specialty contractors. If increasing the contractor membership count is the goal, then we propose that the general contractors have six members and the specialty contractors have six members. Thus the balance will be maintained.

Page one line 15 proposes that, "One shall be affiliated with a state certified apprenticeship program under chapter 372..." The word "one" needs further definition. It could be interpreted to mean one general contractor or one specialty contractor. In any case, it again tips the balance one way or the other.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Al Lardizabal  
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*A'ohē hana nui ka alu'ia*  
*"No Task Is Too Big When Done Together By All"*

**HAWAII BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO**

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RE: **IN SUPPORT** OF SB2618 RELATING TO CONTRACTORS  
Hearing: Thursday, February 20, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Conference Room 229

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members;

The Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO is a chartered member of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO first organized in 1908 and comprised of 16 out of 17 construction trade unions with 386 state, local and provincial councils throughout the United States and Canada and an estimated 15,000 members locally. Our primary mission is to provide employment opportunities and living wages for Hawaii's skilled working men and women of the construction industry.

The Council SUPPORTS SB2618, which increases the membership of the contractor's licensing board from 13 to 15 while increasing the members who are specialty contractors from 5 to 7, requiring that one member be affiliated with a state apprenticeship program and decreases non-contractor members from 3 to 2.

SB2618 seeks to provide parity in the current make-up of the Contractors Licensing Board, which currently provides for 5 representatives from the general engineering or general building contractors and 5 representatives from the specialty contractors.

Previous statements made by respected stakeholders in the construction industry during informational briefings conducted before this legislative body indicate that on any given construction project site, 80% of the workforce is comprised of specialty contractors.

As such, we believe it is justifiable that respective representation on the body that regulates the contractor/construction industry be as proportionate in its make-up and therefore humbly request your support and passage of SB2618.

# Hawai'i Construction Alliance

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February 19, 2014

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
and members  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawai'i State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is **opposed to SB2618**, relating to the Contractors' License Board.

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Hawai'i Masons Union, Local 1 and Local 630; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local 3. Together, the four member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent over 15,000 working men and women in the four basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.


SB2618 would increase the membership of the Contractors' License Board by adding two additional members who are specialty contractors, requiring that one member be affiliated with a state apprenticeship program, and decreasing the number of members who are noncontractors.

The current composition of the Contractors' License Board, which includes equal numbers of general contractor and specialty contractor members, as well as three public members, works well and ensures that varied viewpoints are heard.

SB2618 would unfairly, unnecessarily, and unjustifiably tip the current balance in the favor of specialty contractors, thereby harming the ability of the Contractors' License Board to thoroughly and thoughtfully consider matters falling under its jurisdiction.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **opposition to SB2618**.

Aloha,



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Testimony of Glenn Ida  
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Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014  
10:00 AM, Room 229

Re: Support of SB2618, relating to the Contractors License Board

Aloha Chair Baker, and Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glenn Ida representing the 2000 active members and retirees of the Plumbers and Fitters UA, Local 675. Local 675 is an affiliate of the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council.

Local 675 supports SB2618, which increases the membership of the contractors license board from 13 to 15. Increases from 10 to 12 the members who are actively engaged in the contracting business. Increases from 5 to 7 the members who are specialty contractors. Requires that 1 member be affiliated with a state apprenticeship program. Decreases from 3 to 2 the members who are non-contractors.

We believe that this change in the contractors license board will bring more balance to the representation of the crafts on most job sites.

Therefore Local 675 supports SB2618.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Glenn Ida  
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**SB2618**

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Testimony for CPN on Feb 20, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tashanna L.K. Cortez	The Hawaii Island Contractors Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony of Cindy McMillan  
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SB 2618 – RELATING TO CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD  
Thursday, February 20, 2014  
10:00 AM  
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi 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 **opposes** SB 2618, which would increase the membership of the Contractors License Board (CLB) from 13 to 15; increase from 10 to 12 the members who are actively engaged in the contracting business; increases from 5 to 7 the members who are specialty contractors; requires that 1 member be affiliated with a state apprenticeship program; and decreases from 3 to 2 the members who are noncontractors.

The current composition of the CLB has been in existence for at least 50 years and exists to protect consumers from unqualified and/or unscrupulous people who do contracting work. The CLB evaluates hundreds of license applications per month to determine if the applicant is qualified to take the test to be licensed in one of our 100 plus license categories. We need as many qualified contractor eyes looking at these as possible. Having an unbalanced board will not protect the public's health and safety.

Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion and we respectfully request that this bill be held by the committee.