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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair,
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Time: 9:15 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 2009 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS.

DLIR supports the SD1 of the proposal, which requires the Board to submit a comprehensive report to the Legislature that pertains to hoisting machine operators and federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules and regulations, administration of certification of hoisting machine operators in other states, existing fee structure for hoisting machine operator certification in Hawaii, and recommended changes to certification procedures.

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March 28, 2016

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
and members
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Senate
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RE: Support for HB2009 HD1, Relating to Hoisting Machine Operators

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

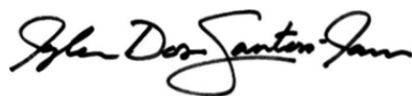
We support HB2009 HD1 SD1, relating to hoisting machine operators, which would require the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board to submit a comprehensive report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017 that covers following areas:

- (1) A comprehensive description of current and pending federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules and regulations pertaining to hoisting machine operators;
- (2) Similarities and differences between state law and federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules and regulations, including federal rules and regulations for state certification of hoisting machine operators;
- (3) Administration of the certification of hoisting machine operators in other states;
- (4) The existing fee structure for certification as a hoisting machine operator in the State; and
- (5) Recommended changes to existing certification procedures for hoisting machine operators in the State, based on the implementation of federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules and regulations.

We believe that such a report will provide necessary and valuable insight to the legislature, DLIR, and other stakeholders to ensure that public and worker safety are indeed being adequately addressed by the current board processes and procedures.

We note that the bill currently has an effective date of July 1, 2091. **We respectfully request that your committee amend the bill so that it becomes effective either upon its approval or on July 1, 2016.**

Thank you,



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