

TESTIMONY

Judiciary and Labor Committee

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Chair Gil Keith Agaran

Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

SB1115 HD1

Chair Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads, and committee members,

The Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368, made up of over 5000 working and retired men and women in Hawaii's construction industry, **SUPPORTS** SB1115 HD1.

Local 368 believes that in order to ensure a thriving construction industry, it is vital to look out for the overall safety and health of those who work on the front lines of the industry and to ensure that their employers are making the appropriate contributions to mandated funds.

In order to do this, it is important to ensure a robust enforcement system. We feel that the addition of two full-time equivalent (2.00 FTE) enforcement specialist IV positions to be primarily responsible for the enforcement of Hawaii's workers' compensation, temporary disability insurance, and prepaid health care laws is a step in the right direction toward the goal of creating a robust enforcement system.

Therefore, Local 368 supports any efforts to help ensure a robust enforcement system that looks out for the workers in the State of Hawaii, and **SUPPORTS** HB1115 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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