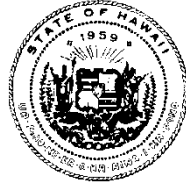


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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**TUESDAY, February 14, 2017
1:15 PM
Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of
SB 1210
RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Honorable Chair Nishihara, Honorable Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill 1210, relating to infrastructure management.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports SB 1210, which authorizes counties to develop public-private partnerships to construct relief sewers for affordable housing developments projects.

The HPHA has low-income housing projects in all counties across the state. Access to working sewer lines is essential for maintaining a sanitary living environment for all residents. As development and redevelopment occurs, the ability for the counties to construct relief sewers for affordable housing development projects would assist HPHA in ensuring a productive and sanitary living space for its residents.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Housing with the HPHA's comments regarding SB 1210. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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**Testimony to the Senate Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs, and Housing
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol - Conference Room 229**

RE: SB 1210 – Relating to Infrastructure Development

Chair Nishihara & Espero, Vice-Chair Wakai & Harimoto, and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Quinto Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-HAWAII is in strong support of SB 1210, which appropriates funds for the establishment of a State Public-Private Partnership Coordinator within Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to manage all public-private partnerships entered into by the State and manage all contracts, proposals, and negotiations associated with the State's public-private partnerships.

We understand that Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP or P3's) are being used more and more by different Federal, State and Municipal agencies on the mainland. The basic premise is to allow for private investment in public basic infrastructure as well as social infrastructure. Investors recoup their investments from revenue streams created by fees generated from the project or other sources of revenue.

"While private sector interest in funding public infrastructure projects has increased in recent years, barriers to private sector participation remain. Many government agencies lack the capacity and capabilities to plan, execute, and manage PPP projects. At the same time, productivity in the construction industry needs improvement. Managing these complexities can be challenging for even the most seasoned leaders." (Mckinsey & Company).

We would suggest that the bill include language to have one entity at the County oversee all P3 initiatives. Having one entity to oversee a P3 program at the Counties will not only provide a process for assessing and implementing P3 projects but also avoid the confusion of having multiple agencies develop their own tools for assessing and implementing P3's. At this time, it may be wise to centralize this function until there is a better understanding of the P3 process and some standards established to ensure success.

We are in strong support of SB 1210, as it will consolidate the State's efforts in development and implementing P3's in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Housing
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 1210 RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Nishihara and Espero, Vice Chairs Wakai and Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** SB 1210, which authorizes counties to develop public-private partnerships to construct relief sewers for affordable housing development projects.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

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We are in strong support of S.B. 1210 to develop and implement P3's in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

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Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill.

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