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To: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair,
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.C.R. 127/ H.R. 117 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE AN INTERAGENCY ENFORCEMENT TASK
FORCE TO COMBAT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND
OPERATIONS OF "MONSTER HOMES" IN THE STATE.**

The Department is strongly opposed to this measure that asks the Department to convene an interagency task force. The content of the resolution pertains to municipal matters that are incongruous with the mission of the Department.



April 2, 2019

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Strong Support for HCR127 HD1

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members:

HI Good Neighbor is a group of concerned citizens from around the island who are strongly opposed to the proliferation of large detached dwellings (“LDDs”), also called “monster homes,” throughout Oahu’s residential neighborhoods.

We have been deeply concerned with the proliferation of monster homes and have been extremely troubled by how many of these homes have been built without regard to the building code, zoning code, construction safety, licensure, and tax laws. Specifically, we have seen numerous instances of “monster home” builders doing work without permits, making interior renovations not properly shown on building plans, and renting out rooms in violation of occupancy standards. We have also seen news articles raising questions about activities within “monster homes,” including short-term rentals, maternity homes, and other intensive business uses which are inconsistent with residential neighborhoods.

We believe that the interagency task force proposed in HCR127 HD1 will help to expose, identify, and resolve illegal activities relating to the construction and uses of monster homes in our communities, and humbly request that your committee advance this resolution.

Mahalo nui loa,

HI Good Neighbor

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam | Sarah Chinen | Melissa Mai'i
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jerry lam	the manoa branch of the outdoor circle	Support	No

Comments:

I am Jeremy Lam, M.D., the president of the Manoa Branch of the Outdoor Circle. Our organizations strongly supports the establishment of an interagency group to work on strengthening enforcement laws regarding monster homes. DPP is completely and totally ineffective at punishing illegal offenders. they are not coming up with any solutions for the problem so we must do it ourselves. Please support this resolution. Thank you for the opprotunity to provide input.

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Lila Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: