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TO:

THE HONORABLE TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUBJECT:

S. B. 2867, SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC

PROCUREMENT CODE.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, March 28th, 2008

TIME:

2:00pm

PLACE: Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Waters and Committee members:

The General Contactors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and forty (540) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms.

S.B.2867, SD2 HD1, Relating To The Hawaii Procurement Code, amends Section 103-310, to provide that any false information or misrepresentation knowingly placed in a bid offer shall be the basis for not awarding a contract.

The GCA is **opposed** to the proposed amendment as unnecessary and duplicates existing Procurement Code rules. The GCA believes existing provisions of the Code are adequate and provides the agencies with the necessary authority to void bids that are non responsive or incorrect. The proposed changes will only led to more challenges and delays in the awarding of contracts and merely add to the already long contract award process for capital projects.

This bill will also add to the workload of the procurement agencies to monitor and adjudicate allegation about an inclusion of false information in the bids submitted for consideration by the state and county agencies.

The GCA <u>opposes</u> the passage of S.B. 2867, SD2 HD1, and recommends that the bill not be passed by the House Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.