LATE TESTIMONY

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Subject:

HB513

Aloha,

My name is William Alicar, President and RME of Allied Pacific Builders, Inc.. We are a general contractor with employees over 20 people and I wanted to voice out my opposition of the HB513. We have been competing on public works projects against unionized and non unionized shop since our company was founded and never have any problems in complying with all the regulations related with the Public Works projects. This move will undermine a lot of contractors, which are mostly small businesses, from participating in the bidding process and therefore preventing the public works in getting the best deal available. This will also kill a lot of small contractors in the process which will result in loss of jobs. We can ill afford that now specially in this economy.

I sincerely ask that my testimonial be submitted to lawmakers so that they may review my reasons for opposing this HB513 and honestly feel that many other "non union" specialty contractors will have the same reasons for requesting to have this house bill killed immediately.

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HB513 "Relating to Public Works".

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Aloha,

My name is Aldrin M. Villahermosa, President and RME of AMV Air Conditioning Inc. Our company employs over 20 people and am taking this opportunity to write to you in opposition of this HB513. AMV Air Conditioning Inc. have been doing Public Works projects since 1997. There has never been an issue with my staff's ability to fully comply with all the regulations on the public works projects that we have completed through the years. I sincerely feel that this HB513 undermines the reason for any project (public or private) to request for bids from several contractors and that is to simply gets the best work done at a fair cost to the customer, in this particular case, the customer is the tax payer.

The Public Works Past Performance Criteria used when invited to bid on projects, in my view puts the best companies in line to bid on Public Works jobs based on their past performance. By mandating that the speciality contractors workforce receive a State Apprenticeship Certification, you label all public works projects to be "Union only". By the state mandating this HB513 and in return not offering a State Funded Apprenticeship Tradesman Certification Program to "non union" contractors it constitutes a form of "discrimination". You may not be aware that these State Apprenticeship Certification programs are currently being offered by each respective Union Trades training course.

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Respectfully,

Aldrin M. Villahermosa, President AMV Air Conditioning Inc.



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