IRONWORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

Late Testimony

Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: <u>IN SUPPORT OF HB826, RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS</u> Hearing: Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Dear Chair Rhoads, and the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment:

The Ironworkers Stabilization Fund Local 625 SUPPORTS the passage of HB826, which establishes requirements for contractors who bid on state construction projects.

It is unfair that the contractors and subcontractors who follow the rules and regulations are not rewarded for their diligence, while those who cheat the system and place money in front of the safety of the people are allowed to get away with it. We believe this bill will assist in closing this gap and support our local subcontractors that follow the rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support for HB 826.