

## LATE TESTIMONY

## HAWAII BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

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RE:

IN SUPPORT OF SB 715, HD1

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Hearing: Monday, March 30, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Room 325

Dear Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har and the House Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources and Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Wooley and the House Committee on Agriculture:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong, the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council SUPPORTS the passage of <u>SB 715</u>, <u>HD1</u> that requires the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not affect the receipt of federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of <u>SB 715</u>, <u>HD1</u>.

Sincerely,

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William "Buzz" Hong Executive Director

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Honorable Ken Ito, Chair Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources State Capitol, Room 325 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SB 715, HD1 "Relating to Transportation"

Dear Chair Ito and Members of the Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources:

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer 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 strongly supports SB 715, HD1 "Relating to Transportation".

SB 715, HD1 proposes to require the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not impact federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs for a six-year period.

Improving coordination between the State and County is critical to ensure our major backbone infrastructure is planned, funded and constructed in a timely basis. As transportation funding begins to shrink at the federal level, it is important to coordinate our efforts at the State and County levels to maximize our returns.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

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Chief Executive Officer

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