



Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 367 RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") is in general **support** of HB 367, which is one of the bills discussed in the Small Business Caucus. The Chamber appreciates the effort of the Legislature to help small businesses in Hawaii.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

This measure appropriates funds for the capital loan program established under chapter 210, HRS.

In Hawaii, small businesses are the engine for Hawaii's economy. They account for a majority of all new jobs and embody the spirit of innovation, entrepreneurship and individual initiative. They reflect all industries and a wide range of employment. Because of the significant role they play in Hawaii's economy, the challenges faced by this segment cannot be overlooked.

In the past couple of years, as a result of the downturn in the economy, small businesses have faced difficulty in obtaining financing and the necessary working capital to maintain or expand their business. HB 367 is an attempt to address this obstacle and provide another option for businesses to attain financial assistance.

The Chamber asks that the committee pass the measure for further discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 885 – “RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.”

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, appreciates the opportunity to testify in **strong support** to House Bill No. 885. My name is Lynn Kinney, Business Managers/Secretary Treasurer of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50 (IUPAT, DC50), an organization comprised of four (4) local unions - the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; and the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944, representing approximately 2000 members throughout the State of Hawaii.

IUPAT, DC50, strongly supports H.B. No. 885. This proposal to require the Hawaii Contractors' License Board to conduct public hearing for license applications and disciplinary proceedings is a first step to open government. This process will afford the public the opportunity to submit testimony and will also create transparency in the decision making process.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support the proposals in H.B. No. 885. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure.