



STATE OF HAWAII
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February 20, 2013
3:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

H.B. 692, H.D. 1
RELATING TO HARBORS

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill as it supports the administration's New Day Work Projects to provide improvements to harbor facilities statewide.

We point out, however, that the appropriations may lapse as it has in the past as the project delivery process oftentimes involve a significant period of time to complete the planning, design, environmental approval process, permitting and other governmental approvals before construction can occur. The department works in close partnership with the Hawaii Harbor User Group on the implementation of the New Day Work Projects and we will request reappropriation of funding as required when we are ready to proceed with the next phase of the process.

We appreciate the committee's support of our efforts.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Finance

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 3:30 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 692, HD1
RELATING TO HARBORS**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports H.B. 692, HD1, which authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue revenue bonds for capital improvement projects for harbor improvements.

The ILWU represents almost two thousand stevedores who work on Hawaii docks every day and bear witness to the desperate need for improvements in Hawaii's harbors and piers. Congestion on the docks often leads to accidents that verge on life-threatening and loss of efficiency, productivity, and customer service.

With access to funds, the Department of Transportation can begin work on capital improvement projects that will address safety and efficiency issues and improve cargo-handling at the ports that are Hawaii's lifeline to goods coming into and around the state. Development of the Kapalama container terminal is especially vital on Oahu, but other harbors need long-overdue attention as well.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of H.B. 692, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE SCOTT NISHIMOT &
HONORABLE AARON JOHANSON, VICE CHAIRS AND HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF H.B. 692, HD1, RELATING TO HARBORS.** Authorizes the
Department of Transportation to issue revenue bonds for capital improvement
projects for harbor improvements. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2020.
(HB692 HD1)

HEARING – AGENDA #2

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2013
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

GCA is **in support** of H.B. 692, HD1 Relating to Harbors, which proposes to authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue revenue bonds for capital improvement projects for harbor improvements.

The GCA **supports** this measure that identifies capital improvement projects under the State DOT Harbors Division to be funded through the issuance of general obligation bonds which would be used to finance harbor revenue bonds. Any shortfall would be funded by through revenues derived from fees, rents, etc. paid by the users, and also through the Harbors Special Fund authorized by the Governor. Furthermore, this bill would preclude the lapsing of appropriations at the end of the fiscal biennium. This would ensure funding for the projects identified.

The GCA supports the passage of this measure and recommends its passage by the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on this bill.

HB692

Submitted on: 2/17/2013

Testimony for FIN on Feb 20, 2013 15:30PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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