

Hawai'i Construction Alliance

P.O. Box 179441
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 348-8885

February 16, 2015

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
and members
Committee on Government Operations
Hawai'i State Senate
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

LATE

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members:

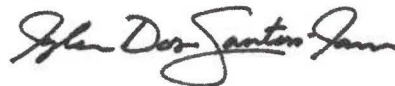
The Hawai'i Construction Alliance **supports the intent** of SB1357, relating to procurement.

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

SB1357 would require every government procurement officer to attend initial training by the state procurement office and regular follow-up training as determined by the state procurement office. Such training would help to ensure consistent application of the procurement code across the various procuring agencies of the state and counties.

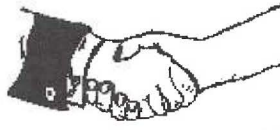
Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha,



Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Executive Director
Hawai'i Construction Alliance
execdir@hawaiiconstructionalliance.org

HAWAII OPERATING ENGINEERS
INDUSTRY STABILIZATION FUND



Millions of dollars in
of the state's economy

Developing new markets and creating new jobs
for a better future

LATE

February 17, 2015

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Government Operations
415 South Beretania Street, Room 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support of SB 1357 – Relating to Procurement

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kimberly Ribellia, Government Liaison, of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF), a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF supports Senate Bill 1357 which requires every government procurement officer to attend initial training by the state procurement office and regular follow-up training as determined by the state procurement office.

HOEISF supports any and all opportunities for training that can be provided to procuring officers. It is very important that all procuring agencies follow that same procedures and are consistent in the interpretation and application of procurement rules and laws.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kimberly Ribellia'.

Kimberly Ribellia
Government Liaison
HOEISF

BIA-HAWAII

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

THE VOICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

2015 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
RICHARD HOBSON, JR.
GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

PRESIDENT-ELECT
CRAIG WASHOFESKY
SERVCO HOME & APPLIANCE
DISTRIBUTION

VICE PRESIDENT
EVAN FUJIMOTO
GRAHAM BUILDERS, INC.

TREASURER
GUY J. SHINDO
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK

SECRETARY
MICHAEL WATANABE
JW, INC.

SPECIAL APPOINTEE-BUILDER
PAUL D. SILEN
HAWAIIAN DREDGING
CONSTRUCTION CO, INC.

SPECIAL APPOINTEE-BUILDER
MARK KENNEDY
HASEKO CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.

SPECIAL APPOINTEE-ASSOCIATE
DEAN UCHIDA
SSFM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
BRIAN K. ADACHI
BKA BUILDERS, INC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
GLADYS MARRONE
BIA-HAWAII

2015 DIRECTORS

ANTHONY BORGE
RMA SALES

CARLETON CHING
CASTLE & COOKE HOMES
HAWAII, INC.

CHRIS CHEUNG
CC ENGINEERING &
CONSTRUCTION, INC.

CLIFTON CRAWFORD
C&J CONTRACTING, INC.

CURT KIRIU
CK INDEPENDENT LIVING BUILDERS

DWIGHT MITSUNAGA
DM PACIFIC, INC.

GARY T. OKIMOTO
HONOLULU WOOD TREATING

JACKSON PARKER
D.R. HORTON, SCHULER DIVISION

JENNIFER ANDREWS
COLDWELL BANKER PACIFIC
PROPERTIES

LILI SHINTANI
ALAN SHINTANI, INC.

MARK HERTEL
INTER-ISLAND SOLAR SUPPLY,
OAHU-MAUI-HAWAII-KAUAI

SARAH LOVE
BAYS LUNG ROSE & HOLMA

MAILING
P.O. BOX 970967
WAIPAHU, HAWAII
96797-0967

STREET
94-487 AKOKI STREET,
WAIPAHU, HAWAII 96797
P 808.847.4666
F 808.440.1198
E INFO@BIAHAWAII.ORG

www.BIAHAWAII.org

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Government Operations Tuesday, February 17, 2015 1:20 p.m. State Capitol - Conference Room 414

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 1357 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Woodson, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii supports the intent of S.B. 1357, which would require every government procurement officer to attend initial training by the state procurement office (SPO), as well as regular follow-up training.

Currently, differences in the procurement process from one agency to the next is a large cause of uncertainty for contractors looking to bid on public works. Both the industry and government would benefit from a more standardized and efficient procurement process. By requiring an initial as well as follow-up training of all procurement officials, we believe procurement officials will be better equipped to prevent costly mistakes and unintended consequences of certain procurement practices. Furthermore, regular training sessions provide professionals the opportunity to share best practices and learn from each other's experiences cultivating innovation and efficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.