

Bill 58 (2017), CD2
Early Testimony



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Honorable Ernest Martin, Council Chair & Presiding Officer
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

RE: BILL 58 CD2 - ESTABLISHING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT.

Aloha Council Chair Martin, Vice Chair Pine, and members of the Honolulu City Council,

The Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET) is a labor-management partnership between the 5000+ members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Hawaii LECET supports the intent of Bill 58 CD2 which proposes to increase the production of affordable housing, to encourage dispersal of affordable housing throughout the City and County of Honolulu, and to maintain the units as affordable for a long period of time.

Hawaii LECET has been a longtime supporter of developments that provide housing on all price points...including affordable, workforce, and rental housing. We commend this council and the Mayor for taking monumental steps in affordable housing with the passage and signing of Bill 59, but time is needed to see the actual effects of Bill 59.

Private developers require certainty and predictability on their projects, unfortunately the proposals in Bill 58 CD2 do not provide that. We feel that Bill 58 needs more work because it may actually discourage development, hurt our union members and the construction industry.

For this reason, Hawaii LECET ask for your kind consideration to **defer Bill 58 CD2** so that stakeholders can continue to fine tune its language.

With Respect,

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation
and Education Trust (LECET)