



Testimony of:
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Honolulu City Council Budget Committee
Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Chair
Councilmember Gary Okino, Vice Chair

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Aloha Chair Garcia and members of the Honolulu City Council Budget Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

The Pacific Resource Partnership supports Bill 11 (2009) – Relating to Real Property Tax Incentives for New Construction and the real property tax exemption that it provides for the purpose of addressing the construction slowdown that we are currently experiencing.

Since mid-2007, the Hawaii Carpenters Union has experienced steady increase in its bench numbers from approximately 0% in 2007, to nearly 40% of our members unemployed to date. We believe that this Bill will be another much needed step in an attempt to help spur our local economy on its way to recovery, by putting the hard working men and women of our industry back to work.

In light of the purpose of this Bill, and the anticipated opportunities for work that it will create for the men and women in our industry, The Pacific Resource Partnership offers the above testimony in support and asks for your favorable consideration of City Council Bill 11 (2009).

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