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Testimony

MISC. COMM. 341

ZONING AND PLANNING

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Meeting Date: Aug 25, 2022 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 2

Name: Ryan Sakuda	Email: ryan@gcahawaii.org	Zip: 96821
Representing: General Contractors Association of Hawaii	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 08:37 AM
Name: Terence Tang	Email: terence.tang@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 01:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support Councilmember Andria Tupola's proposed amendment to Bill 10 (2022), CD1: CC-237[2022], which reinstates ALL properties in Ko Olina Fairways and Ko Olina Hillside Villas as legal TVU units. It is reasonable and fair that all properties located with Ko Olina Resort be treated the same.</p>		
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Representing: BIA Hawaii	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 02:58 PM

August 25, 2022

TO: HONORABLE BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, CHAIR, HONORABLE ESTHER KIAAINA, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

SUBJECT: **COMMENTS ON BILL 43, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND SIDEWALK CODES.**

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, August 25, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kiaaina, and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA provides comments on Bill 43, which addresses administrative enforcement of the Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Sidewalk Codes.

GCA appreciates the intent of the measure, but has concerns about unintended consequences of the measure as well as its potential efficacy for its intended purpose. GCA understands the problem that this measure is trying to address and suggests amending the measure to narrow the scope and applicability to specifically address the issue.

Additional concerns are as follows:

- How will this affect multi-unit projects with repeat violations per unit?
- How will individuals who are owners or minority owners of multiple construction firms be treated if only one entity is subject to this measure?
- Given the past issues of corruption within DPP, does this measure grant too much authority to inspectors that could be used inappropriately?
- Has any thought been given for the volume of the builders production vs. the number of violations. A Builder that works on 100 projects a year seems much more at risk than one that does 10.
- What is to stop bad actors from using the Owner/Builder Exemption?



While we want to see the City succeed in its efforts to crack down on Monster Homes, we are concerned that regular builders could inadvertently be hurt and even forced out of business. We would ask your committee to consider a more thorough vetting of these issues before advancing the measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
Committee on Zoning & Planning
Honolulu Hale
9:00 am**

August 25, 2022

RE: Bill 43, Relating to Administrative Enforcement of Codes

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kiaaina, and members of the Council:

My name is Daryl Takamiya, 2022 President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIAH provides **comments and expresses concern** on Bill 43, which addresses administrative enforcement of the Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Sidewalk Codes.

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