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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Sep 7, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 1

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<p>Testimony: OPPOSE BILL043(22)</p> <p>Measure Title: RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND SIDEWALK CODES.</p> <p>Date Introduced: Jun 29, 2022</p> <p>Introduced By: TOMMY WATERS</p> <p>Committee: ZONING AND PLANNING (ZP)</p> <p>This appears to be a confusing legislation. I'm looking at the testimonies and the contractors and builders themselves are also questioning the efficacy of Bill 43.</p> <p>If this is narrowly aimed at "monster homes" problems, then it's not the way to go. Sometimes a solution to one problem can create many more problems.</p> <p>Monster homes are an irritation but I submit that one of its root problems begin at DPP permitting approval and also the fact that the density of building used to be at 50% of the land parcel area. Somehow that density has increased through legislation through the years.</p> <p>I have basically the same questions like that of the BIA and General Contractors of Hawaii that need clarification and attention.</p> <p>We want to make sure that our local regular contractors are not placed in any unintended consequences that may unjustly push them out of competition or livelihood.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Choon James 808 293 9111 CountryTalkStory.com</p>		
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<p>Testimony: Please pass Bill 43 which will strengthen administrative enforcement of building, electrical, plumbing and sidewalk codes and provide greater safety in our neighborhoods.</p>		



September 7, 2022

TO: HONORABLE TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR, HONORABLE ESTHER KIAAINA, VICE CHAIR, CITY COUNCIL

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

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, September 7, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Waters, 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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