

BILL058(22)
Testimony

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

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Robert HOFFMAN	Email: rthoffman2@msn.com	Zip: 96779
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Dec 4, 2022 @ 01:16 PM
Testimony: I fully support Bill 58 which makes the permitting process for home modifications and maintenance more modern and easier for 21st Century homeowners.		
Name: Aaron Chiam	Email: Aaron.Chiam@Yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Dec 5, 2022 @ 01:09 PM
Testimony: I agree with the entirety of this bill		
Name: Marshall Hickox	Email: mrh@Homeworkshawaii.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Dec 5, 2022 @ 02:03 PM
Testimony: With ongoing permitting time to issue being as long as it is, my clients have changes to their finances or even the reason for building/renovating.		
Name: Jessica Chiam	Email: jessica.chiam@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Dec 5, 2022 @ 04:37 PM
Testimony: I support this bill.		
Name: Daryl Takamiya	Email: jess@biahawaii.org	Zip: 96797
Representing: Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii)	Position: Support	Submitted: Dec 7, 2022 @ 09:57 AM



Honolulu City Council
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Honolulu, HI 96813

December 7, 2022

RE: Bill 58-Relating to Building Permits

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, 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.

BIA Hawaii is in support of Bill 58, which requires building permit applicants be refunded for permits that have not been issued within a year, and also that applicants be notified upon expiration of a permit. A permitting process that offers accountability shared by both applicants and reviewers will enable transparency into the process, streamlining of communications, and ultimately will allow awarded permits to be picked up more quickly – as a result projects in Hawaii will begin sooner, saving time, labor, and materials costs.

We support efforts to increase housing availability and affordability. Oahu faces an ongoing housing affordability crisis largely due to a lack of a healthy housing market at all price points. Additionally, the State of Hawaii is in a critical economic crisis which has been further exacerbated by the recession following the pandemic. Efforts such as Bill 58 must be made to reduce regulation and streamline processes that impact the cost to build.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this matter.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daryl Takamiya", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Daryl Takamiya
2022 BIA Hawaii President