

# TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

## HAWAII LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### 2015 Legislative Report - Brief Recap

Prompt payment by general contractors to subcontractors is a continual issue. Retainage issues and quicker job close outs are often the subject of legislation in other states. Other state legislation is monitored because if another state comes up with a solution, Hawaii can copy and modify it for Hawaii subcontractors.

Changes to the contractors licensing law have helped to curtail the rampant unlicensed contractor situation including advertising restrictions and forfeiture of tools and equipment. More consumer education is key to inform the buyer of potential downfalls.

Additional resources are needed for RICO, the agency which chases the unlicensed men. There have been improvements legislatively with retainage equality (between generals and subs) and prompt payment but they have not solved the problem and need major improvement.

Biggest challenge is defending the subcontractors from hostile legislation proposed by general contractors. Most of the time is spent on defense instead of a positive, collective, beneficial offense. Please go to [www.tilehawaii.com](http://www.tilehawaii.com) under Updates for the full



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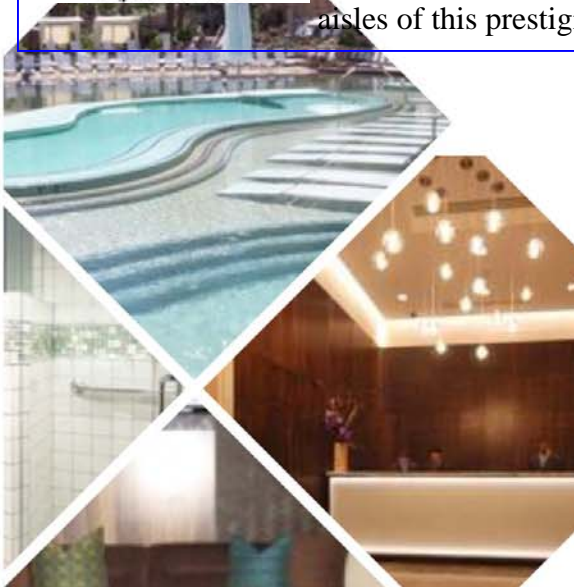


**PACIFIC BUILDING  
TRADE EXPO**  
By AIA/CSI

## AIA/CSI PACIFIC BUILDING TRADE EXPO

We are once again pleased to announce that the Tile Contractors Association of Hawaii will have a tile pavilion at the 16th Annual Pacific Building Trade Expo by the AIA/CSI at the Hawaii Convention Center on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. We are delighted to have 14 member booths. Our participation continues to perpetuate our industry while showcasing the ever changing products that our tile suppliers feature.

The TCAH will cover the cost of \$375.00 for one booth, per member. The supplier/associate must be a member of the TCAH for at least two consecutive years. We will once again be distributing the *9300 Contractor*, the quarterly newsletter from the Tile Contractors Association of America. Each year, several thousand architects and decision makers walk the aisles of this prestigious expo which continues to be sold out.



## SUBCONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 1—4, 2015

Turtle Bary Resort and Spa

Kahuku, Oahu



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## CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Construction industry in the state is predicted to be significantly promising. Challenges are subcontractor and labor availability and material and equipment costs are escalating.

In 2014, increase in housing prices and shortage of inventory. A single-family home was \$670,000.00 (up 4.5%). Condominiums at \$350,000.00. Out-of-state investments in real estate, primarily from Korea and China is affecting the shortage. Statewide shortage is 12,000 units. City is encouraging contractors to provide 4,000 affordable housing units over five years.

Commercial projects are taking the lead in the issuance of building permits. But private construction permits increased 15.9% in 2014. Total of 23,000 building permits issued in 2014 but 32% less than 2013.

Modernization projects at the Honolulu International Airport is budgeted at \$750 million.

Kapolei- numerous residential projects, widening of Kalaeloa Boulevard , industrial business park, shopping and theater complex, elementary school.

Rail – Kiewit has completed the first three miles of the 20 mile, \$5.8 billion system that will include 21 stations but expected completion date of 2018 is doubtful.

Need to watch what will arise from Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). Programs to develop neighborhoods for 15 of the 21 rail station areas.

Building Permits – City moving towards streamlining building permit processing (Honolulu Land Information System (HOLIS-HONline) and electronic Plan Review (ePlans).

Tourism and Federal Dollars – Tourism experiencing lower than expected



## LETTER FROM SAH SENT TO SENATOR MAZIE HIRONO

A letter was sent to Senator Hirono by the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii in which the TCAH are members urging her to “co-sponsor the Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2015, which would help increase opportunities for small businesses, prevent government waste and fraudulent transactions, and grow federal public-private partnerships.”

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Please send information about your company for our newsletter to [lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com). Photos are great and content should be sent

## THE COMPLEXITY OF OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT IN HONOLULU

We are sure everyone in the construction industry, business owners and even home owners may have had to deal with the tedious, frustrating and time consuming task of obtaining a building permit. Below is a link to Hawaii Business Magazines' article "BROKEN: STUCK IN PERMIT PURGATORY."

George Atta, Director, Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting acknowledges that so far, DPP is not making headways. All the efforts they have made so far has them treading water because of the boom in construction.

This article sums it up with a detailed story of one business owner who almost could not open his restaurant due to the lengthy six month process to obtain a building permit. It makes for very informative reading.



## PRESENT YOUR PRODUCT AT THE TCAH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you are an associate/supplier member and would like to do a presentation of your products at the next quarterly membership meeting, please contact Lisa Kim

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

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