Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr. 17, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 35

S.D. 1

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

## Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 35, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MORTGAGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to exempt:

- (1) Certified public accountants (CPAs) licensed and regulated under Chapter 466, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS);
- (2) Persons holding a permit to practice public accountancy in Hawaii; and
- (3) Out-of-state CPAs operating under a temporary permit issued by the Board of Accountancy pursuant to Chapter 466, HRS,

from the requirements of the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, Chapter 480E, HRS.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Bankers Association and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2046, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 35, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 35, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

JWL-Laman JW RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary** 

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: Date:				
5B35,5D1 CPC,JUD \$/3/09				
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki (C)	V			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au	I V			
4. CABANILLA, Rida				
5. CARROLL, Mele				V
6. HERKES, Robert N.				
7. LUKE, Sylvia				
8. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
9. MIZUNO, John M.				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				V
11. OSHIRO, Blake K.	V			
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.	V			
13. TSUJI, Clift				
14. WAKAI, Glenn				
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
16. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (16)	12			14
The recommendation is: Adopted   Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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