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PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

ON

SENATE BILL NO. 203 S.D.1 - RELATING TO CONTRACTORS

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR, AND TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, VICE-CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 203 S.D.1, Relating to Contractors. My name is Jo Ann Uchida, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). The Department has participated in discussions with members of the industry and supports the amendments to the bill that are the product of those discussions.

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Senate Bill No. 203 S.D.1 amends the contractor citation provisions and increases monetary sanctions for unlicensed activity. The bill also provides for a defective effective date of January 1, 2015.

The Department has reviewed a proposed Senate Draft 2 prepared with input from the various interested parties. The proposal increases monetary sanctions for unlicensed activity. The Department supports the proposed Senate Draft 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on Senate Bill No. 203 S.D.1.