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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009 8:30 A.M.
IN ROOM 309

RE: SB 63 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

My name is Marc Okumura with Administrative Solutions, Inc., a small business that provides accounting and billing services to other small businesses and entrepreneurs, and I respectfully request that you hold SB 63 relating to Workers' Compensation.

This measure requires the employer to continue temporary total disability benefits regardless of whether the employer controverts the right to benefits.

Although I understand the intent of the bill, I believe this bill may serve as a disincentive to return to work, which will be counterproductive to its actual purpose. Furthermore, if the Director of Labor determines that the claim is not work related, or there is overpaid TTD benefits, or there is no permanent partial disability, the employers will be stuck with the costs with no recoupment.

This measure, if passed, may increase my workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business, a time when my business and the community cannot afford to undertake.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

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Eric Shimabukuro PO Box 29968 Honolulu, HI 96820 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009 8:30 A.M. IN ROOM 309 RE: SB 63 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee: I respectfully request that you hold SB 63 relating to Workers' Compensation. This measure requires the employer to continue temporary total disability benefits regardless of whether the employer controverts the right to benefits. Although I understand the intent of the bill, I believe this bill may serve as a disincentive to return to work, which will be counterproductive to its actual purpose. Furthermore, if the Director of Labor determines that the claim is not work related, or there is overpaid TTD benefits, or there is no permanent partial disability, the employers will be stuck with the costs with no recoupment. This measure, if passed, may increase my workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing

business, a time when my business and the community cannot afford to undertake. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.