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Rep. Rida Cabanilla, Chair Rep. Pono Chong, Vice Chair Committee on Housing

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Testimony: HB2624 Relating to Planned Community Associations

## Dear Representatives:

This is to provide strong support for HB 2624 which conforms Planned Community Associations laws to comparable provisions regulating condominium property regimes. It is long past time for home owners to have at least some of the same rights as owners who reside in condominiums.

The only opportunities for residents of Planned Community Associations to "have a say" in the operation of their associations is during the annual meetings. Proxies are "power" at these meetings. There is a need for PCA Boards to respect the concerns of their home owners. This bill will ensure a willingness to pay attention to home owners who can vote for or against their Boards using their proxies.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 2624.

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February 1, 2010

Rep. Rida Cabanilla, Chair Rep. Pono Chong, Vice Chair House Committee on Housing Hawaii State Capitol, Room 404 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB2624; Testimony in FAVOR; Hearing Date: 2/3/2010 9:00 a.m.;

Sent via web and e-mail (HSGtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Dear Chair Cabanilla, Vice-Chair Chong, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians ("HSAP") has been providing professional parliamentary expertise to Hawaii for more than 40 years. I am the chair of the Legislative Committee. I'm also an experienced Professional Registered Parliamentarian who has have worked with condominium and community associations every year since I began my practice in 1983 (over 1,200 in 26 years). I was also a member of the Blue Ribbon Recodification Advisory Committee that presented the recodification of Chapter 514B to the legislature in 2006.

This testimony is provided as part of HSAP's effort to assist the community based upon our collective experiences with the bylaws and meetings of numerous condominiums, cooperatives, and planned community associations.

HB2624 contains 2 sections that propose to clarify Chapter 421J:

- Section 1 updates the proxy requirements for planned community associations to be similar to those requirements for condominium associations (HRS §514B-123). This will provide consistency with the condominium statute regarding solicitation of proxies, deadlines, and owner statements. It expands the owner statement from the older 100 word statement to a maximum of one page.
- 2. Section 2 makes a minor correction to the title, "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" by removing the comma.

One suggestion: Please consider an amendment to SECTION 4 to provide a startup date of January 1, 2011 so that planned community associations will have advance notice to update their proxy form <u>before</u> their 2011 annual meetings.

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We request that you approve this bill with the January 1, 2011 effective date.

Our committee looks forward to any discussions of this proposal or improvements to clarify any part of Chapter 421J.

I may be contacted via phone: 423-6766 or by e-mail: <u>hsap.lc@gmail.com.</u> Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Sincerely,

Steve Glanstein, Professional Registered Parliamentarian

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## Comments:

The Legislative Action Committee of the Community Associations Institute supports this bill and urges its passage.