

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

#### THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, VICE CHAIR

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 2731 scheduled for hearing on February 3, 2010 HOUSE BILL NO. 2827 scheduled for hearing on February 3, 2010

Testimony of Roy Catalani, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Government Affairs, Young Brothers, Limited

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY (IN SUPPORT)

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bills No. 2948 (HB 2731) and No. 2827 (HB 2827).

Young Brothers, Limited (*Young Brothers*) supports the mandatory peer review requirement for certified public accounts (*CPAs*). Mandatory peer review provides a level of assurance that financial statements prepared and issued by CPAs in the State of Hawaii are uniformly prepared in accordance with established professional standards. Moreover, since 1988, peer review has been mandatory for a majority of practicing CPAs who prepare and issue financial statements in the State of Hawaii and are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The current national debate is not whether peer review should be mandatory; after all, 42 other states require peer review for licensure. Rather, the issue is whether peer review findings should be made transparent and disclosed to better inform and protect the public's interest--similar to the review results of the Public Company Oversight Accounting Board created under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for publicly-held companies.

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For the above reasons, Young Brothers urges you to support mandatory peer review for CPAs to fulfill the public's expectations that financial statements are prepared by CPAs pursuant to uniform professional standards.



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#### House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

# Testimony of William L. Wong, CPA

# In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827

**Relating to Public Accountancy** 

## Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakal and Committee Members:

I strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review in order to provide a level of assurance that financial statements prepared and issued by CPAs in the State of Hawaii are uniformly prepared in accordance with established professional standards. Additionally, I support mandatory peer review, which has been mandatory since 1988 for a majority of practicing CPAs who prepare and issue financial statements in the State of Hawaii and are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), as the current national debate is not whether peer review should be mandatory but should the peer review findings be made transparent and disclosed to better inform and protect the public's interest similar to the review results of the Public Company Oversight Accounting Board ("PCAOB") created under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for publicly-held companies.

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# **TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

#### Re: House Bills 2731 and 2827

## Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ronald Heller. I am a practicing attorney, and also licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. I support House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827.

In order to obtain a CPA license in Hawaii, the applicant is required to satisfy strict criteria regarding education and experience, and to pass an examination. Those rules exist to make sure that anyone holding himself or herself out to the public as a CPA is qualified to perform professional services. However, we can and should improve on that protection. The existing rules focus on the initial licensing of a CPA. This bill would add a system for reviewing the quality of a CPA's professional work on a continuing basis throughout his or her career.

Many CPAs already participate in peer-review programs on a voluntary basis. Unfortunately, some do not. Typically, consumers are not aware of this, and do not know whether they are receiving services from a CPA who has been through a peer review process.

House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827 would tie the peer review process to license renewal, to create a process that lasts throughout a CPA's entire career. This would enhance professionalism and competence, and improve protection for the public.

Respectfully submitted

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# Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 pm Conference Room 325

# In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827 Relating to Public Accountancy

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee members:

My name is Gary T. Nishikawa and I am a CPA in the State of Hawaii. I support House Bills 2731 and 2827. I believe that HB 2827 is the preferred version.

Both House Bills 2731 and 2827 would require CPA firms performing audits and other attest services to Hawaii's businesses to undergo a peer review on a regular basis, as regulated by the Hawaii State Board of Public Accountancy. A peer review is basically defined as a process in which one or more aspects of a CPA firm's professional work is reviewed by another CPA firm which is independent and not affiliated with the CPA firm being reviewed. After the review is completed, the reviewer concludes whether the CPA firm conducted its work in accordance with professional standards, whether any deficiencies were noted, and whether there are recommendations for improving the CPA firm's policies, procedures, or methodologies.

Hawaii's current public accountancy laws require a CPA candidate to meet certain experience and other requirements in order to obtain a CPA license. That experience requirement includes either (1) completing 1,500 chargeable hours in the performance of audits while employed by a CPA firm, or (2) completing two years of accounting work while employed in private industry, government, or academia. Thus, it is possible for a CPA to agree to perform audits and other attest services for a Hawaii business, even though that CPA had never performed an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards while working for private industry, government, or academia. By requiring CPA firms to undergo a peer review, the possibility of CPA firms performing substandard audits would be much lessened, as part of the peer review process would include the verification that the individuals in the CPA firm who are responsible for supervising attest services or who sign the audit reports meet the competency requirements as set out in professional standards for such services.

Thus, the safety of the public would be much enhanced, if all CPA firms performing attest services would be required to undergo a peer review.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary T. Nishikawa



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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Ross Murakami

# Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

# Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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Ross R. Murakami

#### Lee Rousslang 919 Kealaolu Piace Honolulu, HI 96816

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Testimony to:House Committee on Consumer Protection<br/>& CommerceFebruary 3, 2010<br/>2:00 p.m.Presented by:Krista Stanfill, 775 Kinalau Place #1005, Honolulu, HI 96813,Conference Room 325

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Testimony to:House Committee on Consumer Protection<br/>& CommerceFebruary 3, 2010<br/>2:00 p.m.Presented by:Shannon Asato, 7012 Hawaii Kai Drive, Honolulu, HI, 96825Conference Room 325

Subject:

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Alyssa Oshiro

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

## Testimony of Brandon Ogimi

# IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Anna M. Mori, CPA

Subject: Support of CPA Peer Review Relating to Public Accountancy

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Very truly yours,

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Testimony to:House Committee on Consumer Protection<br/>& CommerceFebruary 3, 2010<br/>2:00 p.m.Presented by:Kyle Starmer; 1655 Liholiho St. #202, Honolulu, HI 96822Conference Room 325

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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Krystal Ching

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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#### IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Marc E. Rousseau Name Lawyer/Cades Schutte LLLP Occupation/Employer

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Subject: HB 2731 and HB 2827 Support of CPA Peer Review Relating to Public Accountancy

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Testimony to:	House Committee on Consumer Protection	February 3, 2010
	& Commerce	2:00 p.m.
Presented by:	Keith Asato, 7012 Hawaii Kai Drive, Honolulu, HI, 96825	Conference Room 32

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

# Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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# House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Hanim Sanders

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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#### IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: <u>Daniel H. Devaney IV</u> Name Cades Schutte LLP Occupation/Employer

Subject: HB 2731 and HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony of Lloyd Oshiro

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Valuation Advisory Services

Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

January 28, 2010

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Presented by: Jody Teruya. 1635 Young Street #303 Honolulu, HI 96826

Subject:

# Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Ricky Hernandez

Subject: Support of CPA Peer Review Relating to Public Accountancy

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Very truly yours,

Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC Ricky Hernandez

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#### Garet Sasaki 1870 Lusitana Street #107 Honolulu, HI 96813

## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Garet Sasaki

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony of Shirley Choy

# IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

January 28, 2010

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Prosented by: Gary Kuba, Principal. 2766A Manoa Rd., Honolulu, HI 96822

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#### Yuka Tarui 3029 Lowrey Avenue, Apt. F-1225 Honoluiu, Hawali 96822

# House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Yuka Tarui

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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#### House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

## Testimony of Laura Bresnahan

# IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Christopher T. Harrison

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#### Robin Freitas 1324 Heulu Street #11 Honolulu, HI 96822

# House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Robin Freitas

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## James Nakayama 98-1240 Kulawai Street Aiea, HI 96701

# House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: James Nakayama

# Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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#### Deanna Awa 1377 Lilinoe Honolulu, HI 96816

# House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Deanna Awa

# Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## Luther Beck 3428 Kaimuki Avenue Honolulu, Hi 96816

# House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Luther Beck

# Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Stuart Burnham

# Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Testimony of Brenda F. Cutwright In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Brenda F. Cutwright Financial Consultant



Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Lawrence J. Cutwright, President

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony of Jonathon K. Dalit

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection, & Commerce Cades Schutte CLP Presented by:

Subject:

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Peter Hanashiro

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

# Testimony of Rodney M. Harano, CPA IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Marsha Higashi 1634 Nuuanu Ave. #110 Honolulu, HI 96817

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

# Testimony of Krystal H. Hirose-Janicki IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Reid Ikemori

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Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

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February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Presented by: Sandra Kamiya 95-1044 Aliana Street Mililani, HI 96789

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

# Testimony of Dori Kaneshiro IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

## Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

## Testimony of Kent Kasaoka, CPA

## IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

# Testimony of Joella Kawamoto, CPA IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Relating to Public Accountancy

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In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827

## **Support of CPA Peer Review**

Relating to Public Accountancy

#### Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

I am Richard Keene, the Chief Financial Officer of The Queen's Health Systems. I am providing this testimony to strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review in order to provide a level of assurance that financial statements prepared and issued by CPAs in the State of Hawaji are uniformly prepared in accordance with established professional standards. Additionally, I support mandatory peer review, which has been mandatory since 1988 for a majority of practicing CPAs who prepare and issue financial statements in the State of Hawaji and are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), as the current national debate is not whether peer review should be mandatory but should the peer review findings be made transparent and disclosed to better inform and protect the public's interest similar to the review results of the Public Company Oversight Accounting Board ("PCAOB") created under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for publicly-held companies.

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Presented by: Lisa Kong 45-367 Mokulele Drive #49 Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

## Support of CPA Peer Review

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Presented by: Valerie K. Kono 1620 Wailele Street Honolulu, HI 96819

February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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#### House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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Testimony of Raymond Koo

## IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

## Testimony of Julie V. Layugan, CPA IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Rachel Ledford

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

### Testimony of Kara-Lee Maeda

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Jenny Lemaota

## Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Presented by: Catherine Madden 1521 Alexander Street #805 Honolulu, HI 96822 February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Testimony of Suzanne Miller

## IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Sucan Moore CPA / SELF Name Occupation/Employer

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827 Subject:

## Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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#### House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

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#### Erin Nakamoto 2019 Bingham Street Honolulu, HI 96826

## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Erin Nakamoto

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Presented by: Denny Nakayama 999 Bishop Street, Suite 1900 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Subject:

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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# SANDALWOOD AVIATION LLC

#### Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

#### Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

### TestImony of Timothy Ng In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827 Relating to Public Accountancy

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Sincerely,

Timothy Ng Founding Member Sandalwood Aviation LLC

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Darryl Nitta 999 Bishop Street, #1900 Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Presented by: Barbara I. Nomura 46-232 Kalali Street Kaneohe, HI 96744 February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Subject:

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Testimony to:House Committee on Consumer Protection<br/>& CommercePresented by:Martha Norton<br/>463 Opihikao Place<br/>Honolulu, HI 96825

February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Martha Norton

999 BISHOP STREET, SUITE 1900 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813 TELEPHONE: 808 531-3400 FACSIMILE: 808 531-3433 DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2010 TIME: 2:00 p.m. PLACE: Conference Room 325, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street BILL NUMBERS: HB 2731 and HB 2827

Testimony to:	Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Presented by:	Patrick H. Oki, Partner of Grant Thornton LLP 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 2500, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Subject:	HB 2731 and HB 2827
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For the above reasons, I urge you to support mandatory peer review for CPAs as it will provide the public with an improved level of assurance that CPA-prepared financial statements are prepared pursuant to uniform professional standards and fulfill the public's expectations. While I support both HB 2731 and HB 2827, my preferred version is HB 2827 which was revised after HB 2731 was introduced.

Very truly yours,

Patrick H. Oki



Testimony to:House Committee on Consumer Protection<br/>& CommercePresented by:Rhea Ortega 95-967 Ukuwai St. #3702, Mililani, HI 96789<br/>IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Subject:

February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

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Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Trudy Lynn Pajinag Accuity LLP 999 Bishop Street, Suite 1900 Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

## Testimony of Luz Peirson, CPA IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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#### Joshua Penick 98-1107 Kaamilo Street Aiea, HI 96701

## House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Joshua Penick

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Kahina Perkins Accuity LLP 999 Bishop Street, Suite 1900 Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony of Mary Jean Saguid, CPA

## IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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#### House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce Wednesday, February 3, 2010 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony to:	Chair, Vice-Chair & Committee Members
Presented by:	Jullann Saito, Tax Supervisor, 98-1936 Wilou St., Aiea, HI 96701
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Sincerely,

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