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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: Dallas Shiroma

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

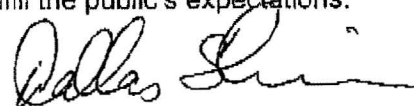
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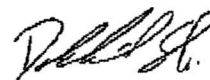
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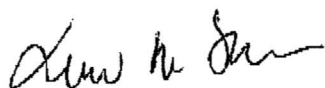
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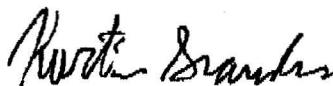
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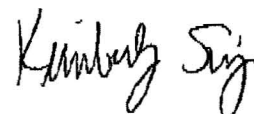
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Relating to Public Accountancy

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Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in strong support of HB 2827.

I am Howard Todo, Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Office of the University of Hawaii system, and a CPA. I am testifying on my own behalf on this measure. I feel very strongly that peer review should be a mandatory requirement for CPAs. This would provide a level of assurance to consumers that financial statements attested to by CPAs in the State of Hawaii are uniformly prepared in accordance with established professional standards.

Most states in the U.S. have had a peer review requirement for many years. Even New York adopted peer review legislation in the wake of the Madoff scandal. Additionally, peer review has been mandatory since 1988 for practicing Hawaii CPAs who attest to financial statements and are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), and auditors of publicly-held companies are required to undergo reviews by the Public Company Oversight Accounting Board ("PCAOB") created under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act after the Enron, WorldCom and other accounting scandals.

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Harriet Watanabe
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 325

Testimony of Carleton L. Williams, CPA IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Amanda Wydra

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

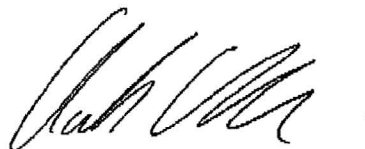
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Thomas Yamachika
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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Thomas Yamachika 

Subject: HB 2731 and HB 2837

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1177 Queen Street #603
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Danielle Yanagihara

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection
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5445 Kuaola Street
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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Meagan Yoneshige

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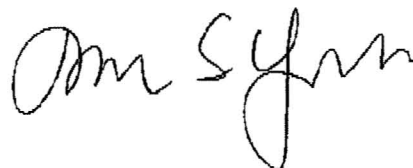
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98-1941-T Kaahumanu St.
Aiea, HI 96701

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Testimony to: House of Representatives Committee on
Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Jason Yoshimi, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Testimony for Hearing on Wednesday,
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Harlan Batac

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

Presented by: Shelah Aczon

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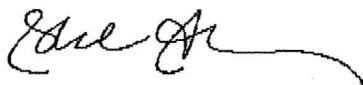
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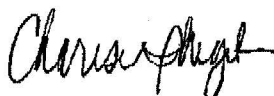
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, INC.

Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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Testimony of: Burt Yoneshige

Conference Room 325

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Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Derek Moore

Subject: **Support of CPA Peer Review**
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**Before the House Committee on
Consumer Protection and Commerce**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
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**Testimony of Ashlee Kishimoto
In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
Relating to Public Accountancy**

Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

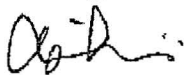
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Karen Arakaki

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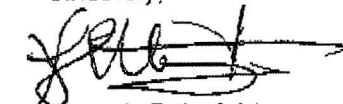
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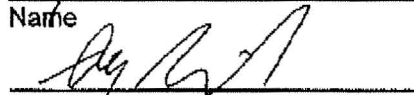
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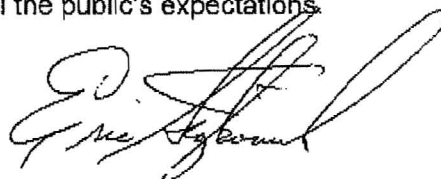
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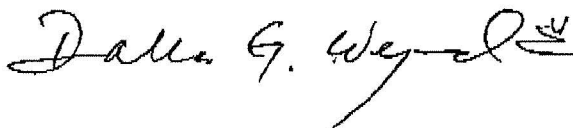
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For the above reasons, I urge you to support mandatory peer review for CPAs as it will provide the public with an improved level of assurance that CPA-prepared financial statements are prepared pursuant to uniform professional standards and fulfill the public's expectations.

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



Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Thu Nguyen, CPA

Subject: **Support of CPA Peer Review**
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

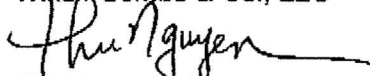
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Very truly yours,

Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC


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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: James Merrill

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

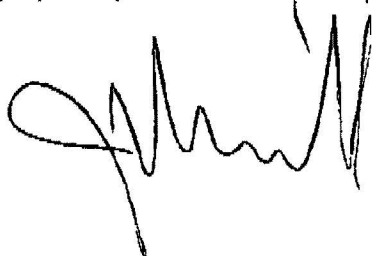
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Shelley Swan
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

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

Presented by: Shelley Swan

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.
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Testimony of Clifford Isara, CPA

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

I strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs (HB 2731 and HB 2827). The preferred version is HB 2827 which was revised after HB 2731. 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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Sincerely,

Clifford Isara



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Testimony to: The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
February 3, 2010; 2:00 pm
Conference Room 325

Presented by: Russell Adkins (CPA Candidate) (Wailuku, Maui)

Subject: HB 2731 and HB 2827 - IN SUPPORT

Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

As a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA), our firm has been subjected to a peer review every three years. Our peer review experience has always been a positive one. Knowing that we will be reviewed on a regular basis encourages us to keep up-to-date with our ever-changing profession.


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It is our understanding that more than 40 states already have mandatory peer reviews. We strongly believe that requiring mandatory peer reviews would benefit the public interest. Many consumers are not aware of whether their CPA is undergoing a peer review or not.

As a CPA candidate, I support mandatory peer review for the above reasons as a professional and consumer, as well as for the creditability of my future career.

I strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs and I urge all committee members to support mandatory peer reviews.

Sincerely,


2/1/2010
Russell Adkins (CPA Candidate-Maui)
Accountant



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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Brett Aka, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Akamine, Oyadomari & Kosaki

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, INC.

Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Testimony of: Rodney Akamine Conference Room 325

Subject: House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827

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Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Testimony of: Terence Akamine Conference Room 325

Subject: House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827

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Regina Akpinar
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Regina Akpinar

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

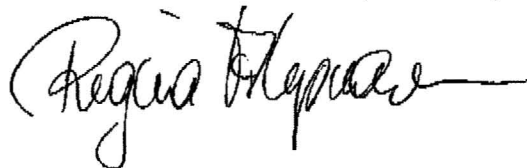
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brent H. Arakaki".

Brent H. Arakaki
Controller

Grace Basilio
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Grace Basilio

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: Chuck Blandford - Hawaii Foodbank
Subject: HB 2731 and HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Keric Chang, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Lawrence K.Y. Chang, CPA
Controller

Subject: Peer Review

Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

Haseko (Hawaii), Inc. (the Company) is a well known developer of a prized hotel, commercial and residential projects, dating back to 1973. The Company, in its' normal course of business, publishes audited financial reports, for use by appropriate establishments. It is important to the Company that these Reports are accepted as reliable and accurate, and that the independent auditors that evaluate these Reports, are also viewed as competent and respected.

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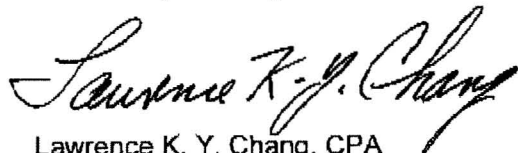
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Very Truly Yours,

HASEKO (HAWAII), INC.



Lawrence K. Y. Chang, CPA
Controller

MICHAEL CHING
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Michael Ching, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,



JUDITH CHOCK
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Judith Chock, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,



Feb-01-10 09:59am From-ACCOUNTING GENERAL

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BEN CHOI
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Ben Choi, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,



HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY



Business Office

**Testimony before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827
Relating to Public Accountancy**

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Kathleen R. Clark, Hawaii Pacific University's Associate Vice President and Controller, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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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.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Clark

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



Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Catha Lee Combs, CPA

Subject: **Support of CPA Peer Review**
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

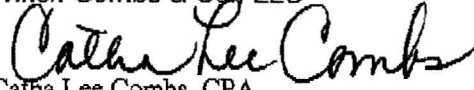
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For the above reasons, I urge you to support mandatory peer review for CPAs, preferably HB2837, as it will provide the public with an improved level of assurance that CPA-prepared financial statements are prepared pursuant to uniform professional standards and fulfill the public's expectations.

Very truly yours,

Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC


Catha Lee Combs, CPA
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Terri Fujii, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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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.

Sincerely,





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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Ernest H. Fukeda, Jr., Chief Operating Officer
DTRIC Insurance Group

Subject: HB 2827 & HB 2731 - Relating to Public Accountancy
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 PM

Support of HB 2827 and HB 2731 (CPA Peer Review)
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

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Feb-01-10 09:59am From-ACCOUNTING GENERAL

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CHRIS GOSSERT
46-160 Kiowai Street, #2322
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

**February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 326**

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Chris Gossert, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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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.

Sincerely,





SEVEN-ELEVEN HAWAII, INC.
7-ELEVEN Stores

Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection
& Commerce

Testimony to: Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Presented by: Greg Hanna, Chief Financial Officer

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 325

Subject:

Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hanna".

Greg Hanna
Chief Financial Officer

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A DataHouse Holdings COMPANY

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:

RAMONA G. HENCKS, CFO

Name

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramona G. Hencks".

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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Roan K. Hirose, CPA, LLC

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TESTIMONY BIFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

RE: House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827

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

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

I have been a member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) since I opened my accounting practice in 1988. The AICPA contributes much to our profession and to the protection of the public. Membership in the AICPA requires participation in the peer review process every three years. The peer review is one of the controls that keeps our profession operating at a high standard. However, membership in the AICPA and as result peer review is voluntary. It is hard to imagine CPAs who provide attest services on financial statements for their clients not being members of the AICPA.

If CPA licensing required a peer review program it would certainly increase the quality in the work we provide to the public.

I am in support of mandatory peer reviews.

Respectfully,



Roan K. Hirose, CPA

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CONNIE HO
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Connie Ho, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,



Byron Ige
405 Manono Street
Kailua, HI 96734

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: Byron Ige

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

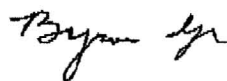
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Valerie lyn Ikemori
909 Kapiolani Blvd #801
Honolulu, HI 96814

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: Valerie lyn Ikemori

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review
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**Before the Committee on
Consumer Protection and Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 pm
Conference Room 325
Re: HB 2827
Relating to Public Accounting**

Testimony of Lorie S. Ishii

**Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy**

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Respectfully Submitted,



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

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

Testimony of Horwath Kam & Company
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**In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
Relating to Public Accountancy**

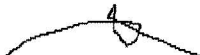
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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

Re: House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827

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

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Relating to Public Accountancy**

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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

**February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Testimony to: The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
February 3, 2010; 2:00 pm
Conference Room 325

Presented by: Robert S. Kawahara, CPA (Wailuku, Maui)

Subject: HB 2731 and HB 2827 - IN SUPPORT

**Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy**

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

As a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA), our firm has been subjected to a peer review every three years. Our peer review experience has always been a positive one. Knowing that we will be reviewed on a regular basis encourages us to keep up-to-date with our ever-changing profession.


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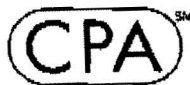
It is our understanding that more than 40 states already have mandatory peer reviews. We strongly believe that requiring mandatory peer reviews would benefit the public interest. Many consumers are not aware of whether their CPA is undergoing a peer review or not.

It has come to our attention that some members of your committee are under the impression that many (if not all) of us Maui-based CPAs oppose mandatory peer reviews. We have never been approached to comment on this issue. We have never stated that we are opposed to mandatory peer reviews and any statements to the contrary are completely fictional.

We strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs and we urge all committee members to support mandatory peer reviews.

Sincerely,


Robert S. Kawahara, CPA
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Regards,

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Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection
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Wednesday, February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 325

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

**February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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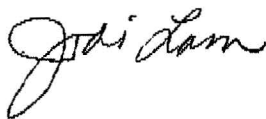
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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Testimony of Tony Lau

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Nathan Lee

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

Presented by: Karen Lei

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WENDY MANUEL
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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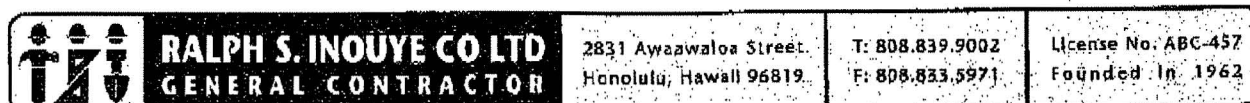
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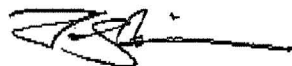
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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

Testimony of Marc Miura

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review Relating to Public Accountancy

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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Jason Nagai, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,



Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Michael Y. Nakamoto

Subject: **Support of CPA Peer Review**
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

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Very truly yours,

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Michael Y. Nakamoto

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection
& Commerce

February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Presented by: Sean Nakamura / 3345 Kamaaina Dr. / Honolulu, HI / 96817

Conference Room 325

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

**February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Grayson Nose, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,



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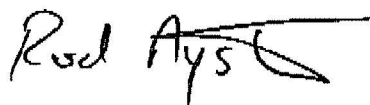
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I, Roderick Nystul, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) in order to provide a level of assurance that financial statements prepared and issued by CPAs 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 to: House Committee on Consumer Protection
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Presented by: Sondra Ouye
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February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

Subject: **IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827**

Support of CPA Peer Review
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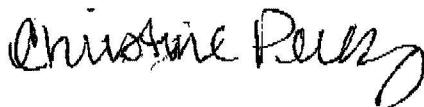
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HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827
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February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Carolyn Roberts, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Carolyn Roberts
Director, Budgets and Financial Analysis

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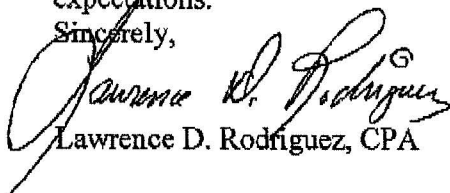
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Vice Chairman Wakai
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

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Testimony of Megumi Sasada

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review

Relating to Public Accountancy

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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Randy Shinagawa, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 325

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD D. SULTAN, PRESIDENT, CEO – NA HOKU, INC.**IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827****Support of CPA Peer Review**

Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

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Mahalo and Aloha,
NA HOKU, INC.



Edward D. Sultan
President, CEO

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Ranked 17th largest jeweler in North America by National Jeweler Magazine (May 16, 2009 issue).
Ranked in the top 5,000 fastest growing companies in the U.S.A. by Inc. Magazine.
Finalist in Pacific Business News's Best in Business competition.
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

**February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Mitchell Talra, 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 of Stephanie Tancayo
In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
Relating to Public Accountancy**

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Sincerely,

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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: RANDAL TANIGUCHI/PARTNER
Name/Title


Signature

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 and HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy

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on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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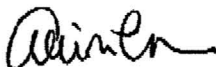
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection
& Commerce

Presented by: Dennis M. Tshako
627 Kihiau Loop
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February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

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

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Kenneth T. Uemura, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth T. Uemura'.

Kenneth T. Uemura
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Robin Uson
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Robin Uson

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

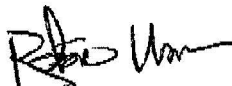
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

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

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Relating to Public Accountancy

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CHARIE WICKLUND
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**Testimony Before the House Committee
on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Relating to Public Accountancy

**February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, Charlie Wicklund, strongly support the mandatory peer review requirement for CPAs. I support mandatory peer review (preferably as provided in HB 2827) 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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Sincerely,

Charlie Wicklund

Royal State Financial Corporation

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Testimony to: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Presented by: Craig Watanabe., Chief Financial Officer
Royal State Financial Corporation

Subject: HB2827 & HB2731- Relating to Public Accountancy
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 PM

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



Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Joseph L. Wikoff, CPA

Subject: **Support of CPA Peer Review**
Relating to Public Accountancy

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

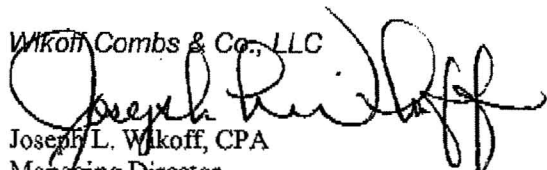
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Very truly yours,

Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC


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HAWAIIAN DREDGING
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

January 26, 2010

Testimony to: Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members

Presented by: Glenn Yee, Vice President - Finance

Subject: Support of CPA Peer Review

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Relating to Public Accountancy

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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.

Sincerely,

Glenn Yee
Vice President - Finance

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



Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants

January 29, 2010

Testimony in support of HB2731, HB2837

Presented by: Jennie Y.M. Yu, CPA

Subject: **Support of CPA Peer Review**
Relating to Public Accountancy

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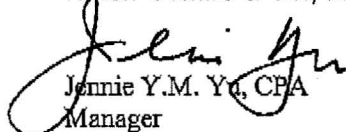
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Very truly yours,

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE****Re: House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827****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 Chris Yuen and I am a certified public accountant. I support House Bill 2731 and House Bill 2827 (Preferred).

I support mandatory peer review since it provides a level of assurance that financial statements prepared and issued by CPA's 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 CPA's who prepare and issue financial statements in the State of Hawaii and are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA").

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For the above reasons, I urge you to support mandatory peer review for CPA's, 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 improve protection of the public.

Respectfully submitted,

OHATA CHUN YUEN LLP


Chris Yuen
Partner

**Deanna Alices
274 Lunalilo Home Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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Testimony of Deanna Alices

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

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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Conference Room 325

**Testimony of Anne Butae
In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
Relating to Public Accountancy**

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Hawaii is one of the few remaining states that do not have a peer review requirement (42 states have adopted peer review legislation).

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.

Sincerely,

Anne Butae

Erin Eno
55 S. Kukui Street, D1404
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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Testimony of Erin Eno

In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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1617 Keeaumoku Street, #1603
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462 Manono Street
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**Before the House Committee on
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**Testimony of Mike Nitta
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by:

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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February 2, 2010

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Hawaii State Capitol Room 316
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96815

Re: HB 2731 and HB 2827


Dear Glenn,

Both bills relating to Public Accountancy will be heard tomorrow before the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

I am in support of both bills and request your favorable consideration.

Thanking you kindly, I remain

Respectfully,


Ruth M. Ono

cc: The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
The Honorable Ken Ito
The Honorable Joe Souki
The Honorable Barbara C. Marumoto

**Kristoffer Pascual
909 Kapiolani Blvd #705
Honolulu, HI 96814**

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516 Kamoku St, Apt 301
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Honolulu, HI 96826**

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Kailua, Hawaii 96734]**

**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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**DUSTIN VERITY, CPA
1050 Bishop Street #103
Honolulu, HI 96813**

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**Tim Wong
2660 Waiwai Loop
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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610 Kuliouou Road
Honolulu, HI 96821**

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Craig Yamasaki
98-2068 Kipikua St.
Aiea, HI 96701

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Donald P. Yannell
Senior Vice President
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Waikiki Branch

**Before the House Committee on
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**Testimony of Donald Yannell, Senior Vice President, First Hawaiian Bank
In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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Hawaii is one of the few remaining states that do not have a peer review requirement (42 states have adopted peer review legislation).

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Sincerely,

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Donald Yannell

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Sincerely,

See Attached Petition List

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Connie Foo		K.D. Jewelry
Nicole Domingo		TOPA Management Co.
Wynthe Bunt		TOPA Management Co.
HERBERT CROCK		HERBERT CROCK & ASSOC
JOHN SHIKAWA		THE OWN! GROUP INC.
NATHAN YOSHIMOTO		OGURA & YOSHIMOTO LTD.
George Van Buren		Van Buren Campbell & Shimizu
JOHN SHIMIZU		VAN BUREN CAMPBELL & SHIMIZU
Glen Young		Van Buren Campbell & Shimizu
Jill Hatakenaka		Horwath Kam & Co.
ROY TSU		Horwath Kam & Co.
Candice Nishiyama		SHINNYO-EN Hawaii (Youth Assoc. office)
Selena Heuang		Horwath Kam & Co.
Marie Lou Cortez		Horwath Kam & Co.
Reed Fujimoto		Horwath Kam & Co.
Scott Choi		Horwath Kam & Co.
Justin Okawa		HKC
Casey Yamada		Horwath Kam & Co.
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Jessica Swanson		Taiwanese Association of America HI Chap
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Fumieko Tachida		Watani Wedding
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Brent Asato
444 Niu St. #2409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

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Testimony of Brent Asao

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45-612 Halekou Pl
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Testimony of Cory Brede, CPA

**In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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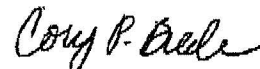
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Dana Chang
1508 Pensacola Street, #201
Honolulu, HI 96822

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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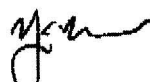
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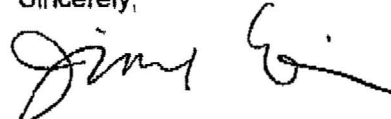
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JAMES CAMPBELL COMPANY LLC

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2731 AND HB 2827

Presented by: Landon H.W. Chun, Chief Financial Officer

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Landon H. W. Chun
Chief Financial Officer



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Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

HB 2731 AND HB 2827 RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

TESTIMONY OF

JOHN HENRY FELIX
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Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

February 3, 2010, 2:00 pm
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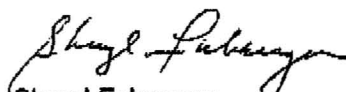
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932 Ala Liliko'i Street
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Testimony of Chad K. Funasaki

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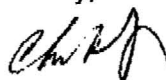
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94-1007 Nawale Street; Waipahu, HI 96797

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Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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

Presented by: Etsuko Ganjali
52 Lawai Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review

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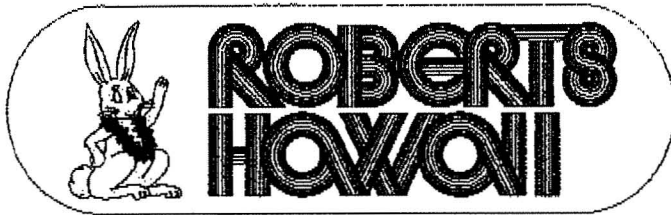
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes and Vice Chair Wakai

Presented by: David T Goya
Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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**Before the House Committee on
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Testimony of Tom Herman

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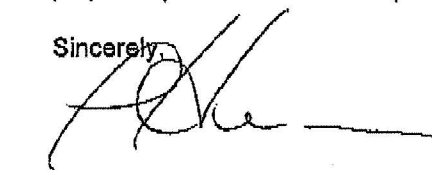
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Testimony of Wesley B. Hiyane, Principal

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Wesley B. Hiyane
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Testimony of Mimi S.J. Hu, CPA, MAcc

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


Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

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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.

Respectfully Submitted,


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

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

**Testimony of Arlene Hue
In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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Hawaii is one of the few remaining states that do not have a peer review requirement (42 states have adopted peer review legislation).

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Sincerely,

Arlene G. Hue
V.P. / Secretary

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Patrick L. Ing

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Testimony of Patrick Ing, CPA

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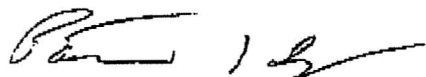
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Testimony of Blake Isobe, CPA

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The preamble to the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct states:

Membership in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants is voluntary. By accepting membership, a certified public accountant assumes an obligation of self-discipline above and beyond the requirements of laws and regulations.

In keeping with the spirit of the above, there is no good reason for any CPA to not support mandatory peer reviews. Thus 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.

Sincerely,
N&K CPAs, Inc.



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

Presented by: Ralph Kanetoku
2737-A Booth Road
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Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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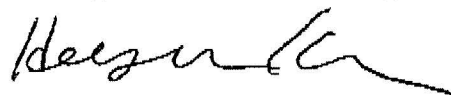
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Alan Kobayashi
3745 Anuhea St.
Honolulu, HI 96816

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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Alan Kobayashi CPA

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Presented by: Kevin Kurihara, Vice President & CFO

Subject: CPA Peer Review

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Yours truly,

Kevin Kurihara
Vice President & CFO

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Peter Le
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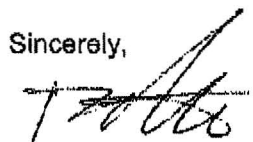
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2731 AND HB 2827

Testimony to: Chair and Committee Member

Presented by: Howard Lee, Executive Vice President, University Health Alliance
47-573 Hui Kelu Street, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Subject: In support of Mandatory CPA Peer Review

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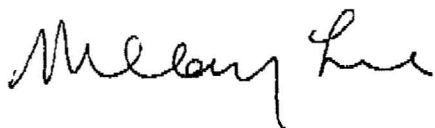
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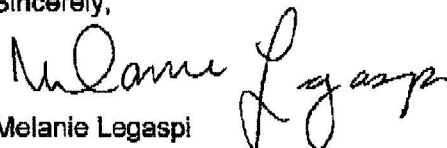
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Sincerely,


Melanie Legaspi

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Before the 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: Charles J. Leland
330 8th Ave S. W.
Albany, Oregon 97321

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review
Relating to Public Accountancy

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Testimony of Wen Li

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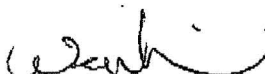
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Wen Li

**Harue Lockhart
1415 Victoria Street #1411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony of Harue Lockhart, Bookkeeper

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Before the House Committee on
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Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Kristina Lucien
801 S. King St., Apt. 2003
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2731 AND HB 2827

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Relating to Public Accountancy

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Ted K Lyau
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Daniel WH Lum
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony of Daniel Lum

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Sincerely,



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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony of Alton K. Miyashiro, Managing Principal

In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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**HOLLY U. MORIKAMI
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Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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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 and Vice Chair Wakai

Presented by: Shari Komo-Matsueda,
Director of Finance & Accounting
Roberts Hawaii

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony of Chikako Nagayasu

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

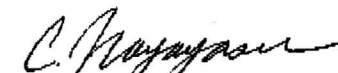
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Before the House Committee on
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Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: Donn Nakamura
1288 Kapiolani Boulevard, #1909
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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2731 AND HB 2827

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Donn Nakamura

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**Jo Ann Nakamatsu
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
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Testimony of Jo Ann Nakamatsu

**In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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Testimony of Yuko Nakayama

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Sincerely,

Yuko Nakayama
Senior Accountant

From: Steve Oberg [mailto:steve@obergfree.com]

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 7:43 PM

To: Kathy Castillo

Cc: Gale Free Oberg; Jan Hashizume

Subject: HB 2731 and 2827

Hi Kathy,

Please pass on that I support the peer review proposals, HB 2731 and 2827. I am a CPA firm owner from Lihue, Kauai and also a member of the Hawaii Board of Accountancy as well as the Hawaii Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our firm, Oberg & Free CPAs, has been involved in peer review since it's beginning in 1999. I have been involved in peer review as a professional since 1988. It has been beneficial to developing professional skills and the highest standards in producing our financial reports.

CPA peer review will enhance protecting the public interest in regard to financial reporting and will also encourage our state's CPAs to continue to pursue excellence in all our financial work.

Thank you for passing this on to the appropriate Hawaii legislators.

Aloha,

Steven Oberg, CPA

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IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

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February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I, David Okabe, 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 to better inform and protect the public's interest.

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David Y. Okabe
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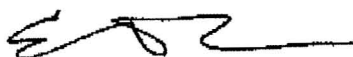
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Testimony of ~~Brian Y. K. Pang~~

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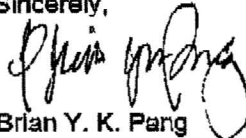
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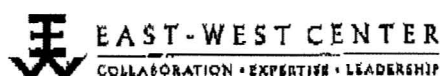
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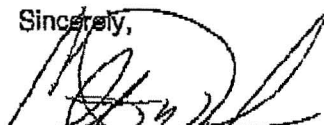
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Relating to Public Accountancy****Dear Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:**

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Testimony of Karen M. Pang

**In Support of HB 2731 and HB 2827
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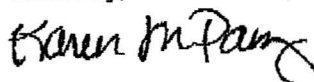
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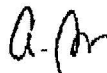
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Presented by: Sharmaine Saguibo
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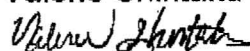


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Testimony of Ronald Shiigi, Principal

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Ronald Shiigi
Principal

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Before the 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: Charlene Sunio
985-1059 Kaapeha Street, #138
Mililani, HI 96789

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731 AND HB 2827

Support of CPA Peer Review
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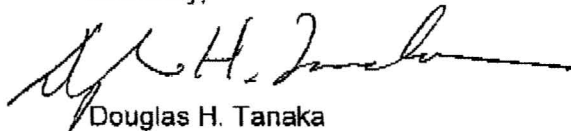
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Testimony of Michael Tanaka, Principal

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Michael Tanaka
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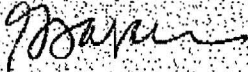
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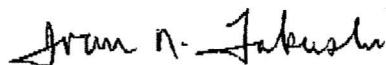
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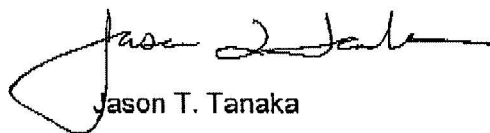
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2731

Relating to Public Accountancy

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House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

February 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm
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Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in strong support of HB 2731.

I am Howard Todo, Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Office of the University of Hawaii system, and a CPA. I am testifying on my own behalf on this measure. I feel very strongly that peer review should be a mandatory requirement for CPAs. This would provide a level of assurance to consumers that financial statements attested to by CPAs in the State of Hawaii are uniformly prepared in accordance with established professional standards.

Most states in the U.S. have had a peer review requirement for many years. Even New York adopted peer review legislation in the wake of the Madoff scandal. Additionally, peer review has been mandatory since 1988 for practicing Hawaii CPAs who attest to financial statements and are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), and auditors of publicly-held companies are required to undergo reviews by the Public Company Oversight Accounting Board ("PCAOB") created under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act after the Enron, WorldCom and other accounting scandals.

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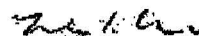
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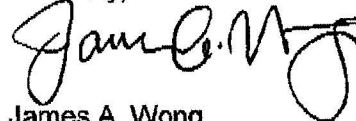
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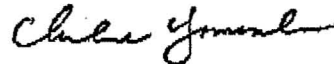
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Testimony to: Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members

Presented by: *Sean Yoneshige*
999 Bishop St #1900
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2731 AND HB 2827

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Jenny Yeung
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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Testimony of Jenny Yeung

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

Presented by: *Justin Young*
2951 Kalanianaʻolahi Pk.
Honolulu, HI 96822

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Tiffany Yu
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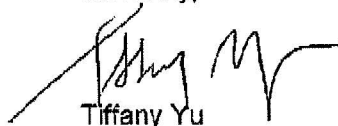
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Presented by: Howard Yun 94-1482 Manao St. Waipahu HI 96797

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**Cheri L. Yoshioka
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Testimony of Cheri Yoshioka, Accountant

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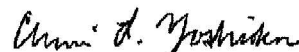
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