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Testimony to the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
And the House Committee on Judiciary
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Testimony in Opposition to HB 2018, Relating to Foreclosures

To: The Honorable Robert Herkes, Chair

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Vice-Chair

Members of the Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

The Honorable Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair Members of the Committee on Judiciary

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 83 Hawaii credit unions, representing approximately 811,000 credit union members across the state. Approximately 60 of our credit unions write mortgage loans in the State of Hawaii. We are in opposition to HB 2018.

While the proposed changes to Act 48 are an improvement, we feel that lenders have always been subject to laws regarding Unfair and Deceptive Acts or Practices (UDAP), so this section is not needed.

Many Hawaii credit unions are too small too survive even one successful attack under these UDAP provisions. Making virtually any technical and/or inadvertent mistake in the administration of a foreclosure an "unfair and deceptive act or practice" creates a risk that is extremely large for credit unions.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.