Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 716

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 716 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect consumers of public accounting services by clarifying the disciplinary actions and fines that the Board of Public Accountancy (Board) may impose for violations of the public accountancy laws. Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Board to take one or more disciplinary actions for a violation of the public accountancy laws;
- (2) Removes language limiting the suspension or period in which the Board can refuse to renew a license or permit to no more than two years; and
- (3) Increases the maximum amount of administrative fines the Board may impose for violations of public accountancy laws from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Board of Public Accountancy testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 716 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	1 .	
HB 716	CPC, JUD /31/14			
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	У			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	X			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	,			X
4. BROWER, Tom	X			
5. CREAGAN, Richard	X			
6. ITO, Ken	X			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	X			
8. LEE, Chris				X
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				<u> </u>
10. TSUJI, Clift	X			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				<u>χ</u>
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob	X		. *	
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			<u></u>
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TOTAL (13)	9			1 4
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral  committee acronym(s)  Not Adopted  did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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