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Friday, March 7, 2008
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 323.

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 323, regarding the **reappointment** of Carol Mae A. Ball, to the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Ball's reappointment to the Commission.

Ms. Ball is being reappointed to the Commission as a licensee member. She has been licensed as a real estate broker since 1980, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Ball is a reliable member and has had excellent attendance at the Commission's meetings, representing the County of Maui.

During meeting discussions, her participation and valuable insights, gained over her many years of experience as a licensed real estate broker, demonstrate that she is prepared for matters on the Commission's agendas. Further, on many occasions, the Commission has called upon Ms. Ball to assess an issue, articulate the complex points, and make recommendations.

In addition, Ms. Ball has many years of experience as a real estate prelicense education instructor. Her valuable background provides the necessary leadership as she serves as the Chair of the Commission's Education Review Committee, and as the leader of the Education Evaluation Task Force advisory subcommittee.

Therefore, we believe Ms. Ball's interest in continuing to serve on the Commission, her experience in the profession, and her desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness and value of the Commission.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Ball to the Real Estate Commission, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

February 28, 2008

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR

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GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE CAROL MAE A. BALL
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Michele S. Loudermilk

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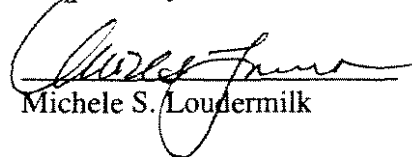
Governor's Message 323

Chairman Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce
Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing:

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carol Ball as a
Commissioner of the Real Estate Commission. I have served with Ms. Ball on the Real Estate
Commission for nearly four years, and she has made valuable contributions to the Commission.
I support the confirmation of Ms. Ball because I believe that she has the background, the
experience, and the temperament to suit the position as a Commissioner of the Real Estate
Commission.

Ms. Ball has served four years on the Real Estate Commission and is familiar with the scope of
its responsibilities and its procedures. If confirmed, she would be able to assume her duties
easily. I believe that Ms. Ball would be an asset and a credit to the position of Commissioner of
the Real Estate Commission and I support her confirmation without reservation. Thank you for
this opportunity to testify in this matter.

Respectfully,



Michele S. Loudermilk



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March 6, 2008

The Honorable Russell Kokubun, Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Affordable Housing
State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: G.M. 323 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAROL MAE A. BALL, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Hearing Date: Friday, March 7, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m., Room 229

Dear Chair Kokubun and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing:

On behalf of our 10,000 members in Hawaii, the Hawaii Association of REALTORS® (HAR) strongly supports the reappointment of Carol Mae A. Ball to the Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Ball has contributed her vast and invaluable knowledge and experience in real estate matters to the Real Estate Commission in her first term and has demonstrated her strong dedication to the demanding role she has taken on as a commissioner. The Real Estate Commission needs Ms. Ball because she has seen three major market cycles in her career and knows first-hand how to maintain a successful real estate business during the ebb and flow of the market. Ms. Ball teaches real estate pre-licensing, recruits the agents to her company and continues the training as long as the agents she hires can keep up with her tough regimen. Ms. Ball has trained many of Maui's top producing agents over the years and every one of them respects Ms. Ball for her knowledge and experience in the market.

Ms. Ball is the very best Maui has to offer to the Real Estate Commission. For the reasons stated above, HAR wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Carol Mae A. Ball to the Real Estate Commission. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to submit testimony.