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LATE TESTIMONY

March 27, 2008

The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair
The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Re: HCR 50 HD1

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 50 HD1. As currently drafted this resolution would seek to study the necessity for regulation of model and wedding photographers.

As you know, Hawaii's wedding industry is booming. Wedding pictures are perhaps the greatest visual memento of a couple's special day. I was personally held hostage by my wedding photographer and did not receive my photos until more than one year after my wedding and only after the threat of lawsuit. It was an emotionally difficult situation with no where to turn. Given these circumstances and the fact that many of Hawaii's weddings are performed on tourists it would be prudent for the state to provide some level of protection for consumers.

Thank you again for the opportunity to support this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Diesman Sullivan