



HAWAII INDEPENDENT CONDOMINIUM & COOPERATIVE OWNERS
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Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair
Senator David Ige, Vice-Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Affordable Housing

Testimony on SB 1809 Relating to Condominiums

Dear Senators:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1809 on behalf of the Hawaii Independent Condominium and Co-op Owners (HICCO). The mission of our organization is to represent the interests of individual condominium and Co-Op owners in the State of Hawaii.

Chapter 514B provides an opportunity for condominium owners of an Association to request a special Association meeting provided that at least 25% of owners request such a meeting. The current statute also provides that if the Board of Directors disregards the petition of the owners and refuses to schedule the meeting, the owners themselves can legally schedule the meeting.

However, SB1809 clarifies that if the Board schedules the meeting that the meeting must be held within sixty days and that if the Board refuses to schedule the meeting, it will be held at the Association's expense. In at least one case, the Board scheduled a special meeting the following year, thereby defeating the efforts of the owners who were seeking the special meeting.

It is difficult enough to obtain 25% of owners who are willing to request a special Association meeting without having the Board of Directors prevent the meeting from taking place.

HICCO respectfully requests that your committee approve SB 1809.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Port".

Richard Port, Chair
Legislative Committee