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TESTIMONY TO
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ON
S.B. 2937, RELATING TO COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEES; CIVIL FINES;
APPEAL PROCEEDINGS

DATE: MONDAY, February 4, 2008
TIME: 1:15 P.M.
LOCATION: CONFERENCE ROOM 229

RE: TESTIMONY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2937

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Tsutsui and members of the Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 2937.

Currently, no county appellate board exists to conduct appeal proceedings for civil fines imposed for ethics violations. Such an ethics violation where a civil fine is imposed might occur once every five to ten years. The need to create and maintain an appellate board to address ethics violations is not only unnecessary but extremely inefficient, and thus an appeal related to ethics violations should be allowed to be transmitted directly to the circuit court.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2937. Best wishes.



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The Twenty-Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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S.B. 2937 RELATING TO ETHICS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO opposes the intent of S.B. 2937.

This new language will allow the counties to fine a violator without proper notification of any violation and without making a request to correct or cease the violation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N.A. Nomura', written over a horizontal line.

Nora A. Nomura
Deputy Executive Director