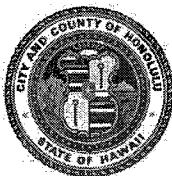


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March 18, 2008

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oakland:

Subject: Senate Concurrent Resolution (S.C.R.) 85/Senate Resolution (S.R.) 47 - Relating to
Developing Emergency Evacuation Plans for Condominium Associations

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports S.C.R. 85/S.R. 47, which would urge the association of apartment owners throughout the state to develop emergency and evacuation plans that include the special needs of senior and medically fragile residents.

Knowing what to do in an emergency can minimize panic and prevent tragic consequences for natural and manmade disasters, including fire. Critical minutes elapse from the onset of an emergency until emergency responders arrive and commence operations. Building occupants can provide the immediate actions necessary to evacuate and assist residents in a safe, orderly manner, which has proven to save lives and minimize property damage.

The HFD is available to provide guidance and assist the condominium association of apartment owners in developing their emergency and evacuation plans and requests your committee's support on the passage of S.C.R. 85/S.R. 47.

Should you have any questions, please call HFD Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA
Fire Chief

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Thursday, March 20, 2008
1:15 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85 AND SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 47, URGING ASSOCIATIONS OF APARTMENT OWNERS AND
CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE TO DEVELOP
EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PLANS FOR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS
FOR SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS.**

TO THE HONORABLE SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bill Chee and I serve as the Chair of the Real Estate Commission's ("Commission") Condominium Review Committee, and I thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85 and Senate Resolution No. 47. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85 and Senate Resolution No. 47 address an important subject. The Commission, however, has some administrative concerns with the resolutions.

The resolutions, among other things, require the Executive Director of the Real Estate Commission to transmit copies of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85 and Senate Resolution No. 47 to the chairperson of the board of each registered association of apartment owners and condominium unit owners' associations. However, the resolutions fail to:

- Identify whether the transmittal to each registered association of apartment owners and condominium unit owners' associations are to those currently registered with the Commission or registered with some other entity. If the resolutions are intended to refer to only associations and unit owners associations registered with the Commission, then the scope of the resolutions should be made consistent with this intent. There are a number of associations of apartment owners and condominium

unit owners' associations not registered with the Commission and which are virtually indiscernible but are recorded at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Bureau of Conveyances; and

- Specify when the printing and mailing of the resolutions shall be completed. If the printing and mailing is to be completed in this fiscal year with funds from the Condominium Education Trust Fund ("CETF") the Commission's budget would increase but without raising its budgetary ceiling level. This may require the Commission to reduce or eliminate programs under its present budget proposal. Further, the condominium law mandates the Commission expend monies from the CETF for the benefit of the condominium community, especially the condominium owners and developers who contribute to the fund. The resolutions' use of the CETF may benefit those citizens outside of the registered condominium community. This may present a problem as to the Commission's fiduciary duties.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85 and Senate Resolution No. 47.

TO: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

**Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair**

**FROM: Eudice R. Schick
PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs)**

SUBJECT: SCR 85; SR 47

HEARING: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:15 p.m. conf. rm. 016

POSITION: Support of SCR 85; SR 47

I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed Board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the Board.

SCR 85 and SR 47 are vital for the health and well being of all residents of multi-unit buildings. Disabled persons of any age, as well as the elderly dearly need this information and assistance in times of an emergency. I would like to see that SCR 85 and SR 47 be amended to include **ALL** multi-unit buildings and not be limited to condominiums and their associations. The need exists everywhere. I am disabled and live in a high rise building. I would greatly appreciate knowing that there would be someone that would be made aware of my need at the time that an emergency evacuation is deemed necessary.

I am asking for your support of SCR 85 and SR 47.

Eudice R. Schick