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Sen. Russell S. Kokubun (Fax: 808-586-6659)
Chairman, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing Committee
2nd Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony supporting SB 1809; proposed amendment; sent via facsimile only

Dear Chair Kokubun, Vice-Chair Ige, and members of the committee,

I am an experienced Professional Registered Parliamentarian and am involved with more than 100 association meetings per year. I personally conduct about 75 of these meetings and have three assistants who assist with the other meetings. Last year I was involved with

It has been my custom for many years as an experienced parliamentarian to provide the community with the benefit of my experience with numerous condominium, cooperative, and planned community association meetings (about 1,100 in 25 years).

This testimony is presented strictly as an individual with experience with numerous associations.

I support this bill. There have been abuses of the petition process and it is clear that an absolute deadline is needed.

I would also suggest that wording be added to provide that <u>if an annual meeting has already been scheduled when a petition is received</u>, then (1) an additional special meeting would not be necessary and (2) the agenda for the annual meeting will include the items requested in the petition.

Should you wish to discuss further, your call is most welcome. My phone number is 423-6766. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this subject.

Sincerely

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Professional Registered Parliamentarian

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