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Comments:

As a small business owner at Aloha Stadium Swap Meet, I'm opposed to re-appointment of current Stadium Authority Members prior to SB382 implementation. I've attended many Stadium Authority Board Meetings and documented issues facing Swap Meet Vendors. I've provided current board members with information relative to performance problems with Centerplate--the Swap Meet Management Contractor and attended meetings where Board Members applauded their efforts, even though proven counterproductive to healthy relations with Vendors and loss of income for the State. Some Board Member comments during meetings reflect individuals that have little knowledge of the Swap Meet or compassion for Vendors; who provide over 60% of the Stadium's income. SB382 addresses appointment of Board Members and should include an appointee as a Vendor Advocate, since Centerplate has failed to do so and Board Members failed to hold them accountable.

TESTIMONY TO

THE SENATE

THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

GM 285, GM 286, GM 289, GM 290, GM 291

Monday, April 6, 2009

1:15 PM

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State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

By

David Chen

Hawaii Private Citizen since 1984

Vendor of Aloha Stadium Swap Meet since 1992

(Strong supporter for **SB 382 SD1 HD1**)

Oppose to

GM 285, GM 286, GM 289, GM 290, GM 291

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority for the following board members:

KATHLEEN O. AHINA for a term to expire 6-30-2013

KEVIN H. M. CHONG KEE for a term to expire 6-30-2012

ALEXANDER C. KANE JR for a term to expire 6-30-2012

MARCIA J. KLOMPUS for a term to expire 6-30-2013

NELSON G. OYADOMARI for a term to expire 6-30-2013

To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. My name is David Chen. I am a private Hawaii citizen since 1984 and I am also a vendor of the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet for over seventeen years and I was also one of the original founders of the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet Vendor's Association. I served the board as Treasurer from year 2000 to 2007.

I am sure Senators have read the testimony from Mr. Neumann Shim on 04/03/2009 and 04/06/2009 I am not going to repeat but those are the facts, as the past Director of the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet Vendor's Association, I would say most of the vendors would also agreed with Mr. Shim's testimony.

My two main reasons to oppose to re-appoint the above five members are:

- **They failed to maintain, operate and manage the stadium as they should have.** Of course this is a big accusation and it's not personal, they have their chances of showing to the general public what they did to the best of their abilities and I certainly appreciated from the bottom of my heart. It's time to let other people to contribute their share.
- With the amend of bill **SB 382 SD1 HD1**, we can assure to the people of Hawaii that we're going to have a CHANGE and the changes will definitely benefit to the majority of people of Hawaii. Not only one corporation from the Mainland.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter. I will be available to give more details if needed.