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LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Sen. Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

9 am
Friday, April 3, 2009
Conference Room 211

HB 754 HD1 SD1 (proposed)
Support With Comments

My name is Shannon Wood, a resident of Kailua, O'ahu, speaking on my own behalf and not representing any organization in support of **HB 754 HD1 SD1 (proposed)**. I urge that you move this bill forward.

However, I really want to focus on the fact that it is both confusing and disturbing that contradictory bills concerning the *Hawaii Tourism Authority* ^{are} alive and well.

Ways And Means decision-making on **HB1763 HD2 SD1** which immediately follows this hearing eliminates the *Hawai'i Tourism Authority* and transfers its duties to a newly-created cabinet-level department. As of this writing, the *Senate's* version of the bill, **SD 1227 SD2, HD1** has not yet been set for hearing in the **Finance Committee**.

HB 754 HD1 SD1 (proposed) and **HB1763 HD2 SD1** or **SD 1227 SD2, HD1** cannot exist at the same time in the same universe.

I urge you to move this bill forward. Meanwhile, I've asked **WAM** to defer further action on **HB1763 HD2 SD1**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.