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Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. David Ige, Vice-Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: Testimony opposing SB 574; Hearing Date: February 24, 2009; sent via fax to 586-6659 and e-mail to: CPNTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Ige, and members of the Committees,

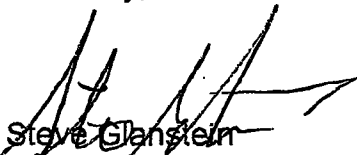
I provided verbal testimony today on the above bill. The Chair requested that I followup with written testimony. It is provided below.

I oppose SB 574 for several reasons.

1. There has been no first-hand testimony by any individual or association representative that the condominium dispute resolution pilot project has resolved any association issues.
2. Numerous hours were spent with several stakeholders as well as the proponents of the condominium dispute resolution pilot project and the majority felt that this project was not accomplishing its original intent.
3. After one-half of a decade of this project, it is time to look to other alternatives, such as evaluative mediation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this subject.

Sincerely,



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Professional Registered Parliamentarian