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STATE TESTIMONY

**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

*Rep. Joey Manahan, Chair*

*Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair*

**SB 382 SD1 - RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY**

**Strongly Support**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**8:30 am**

**Monday, March 17, 2009**

**Conference Room 312**

My name is Shannon Wood, a resident of Kailua, O`ahu, speaking on my own behalf and not representing any organization, in strong support of **SB 382 SD1 - RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY.**

Throughout the year I attend as many meetings of the *Stadium Authority* as my schedule permits and have tracked its decisions closely for many years. I believe that modifying and reducing the power of an incumbent governor would help make sure that all the *Stadium Authority's* decisions are made with the best interests of the people first and not because a particular member may hold political allegiance to a particular governor. This can best be accomplished by sharing the nomination process between the administrative and legislative branches of government.

Two days from now, the Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology will announce its decision concerning five nominees to the *Stadium Authority* - all incumbents - who will be around for years after the current governor has left office. If reconfirmed and without this law in place, that will have a profound impact on their decision-making on everything from transit-oriented development to building a replacement stadium somewhere on O`ahu.

There will be a need to incorporate some sort of language to effectuate the transitional process such as extending the current terms until the new system is fully in effect.

*Mahalo* for the opportunity to testify in support of **SB 382 - RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY.**

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