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Hearing: Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., in Conference Room 312

Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair
House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

RE: **SUPPORT HB2272** - Land Surveying; Professional Land Surveyors; Landscape Architects

Dear Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Vice Chair Isaac W. Choy, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business:

My name is Kevin Kea, and I represent the Hawaii Land Surveyors Association (HLSA), a non-profit organization created in 1988, that represents over 70% of the licensed surveyors in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in strong SUPPORT of HB2272. The purpose and intent of this bill is to update, clarify, and make current the definition of a professional land surveyor in the State of Hawaii.

It has been many years since the land surveyors, as licensed professionals, have taken a serious look at the current definition of a professional land surveyor. We believe that it is time to update the definition of the professional land surveyor, as it is severely outdated, and many facets of the profession has changed and modernized over the years.

The surveying profession not only deals with boundary issues of real property, solving conflicts and mapping discrepancies, but also provides services for engineers, architects, real estate agents, contractors, insurance agents, large land owners, and the average home owner. In order to help protect the safety and well-being of the public, a more in-depth and detailed role of a professional land surveyor is needed.

Unfortunately, HLSA has received complaints and reports of activity that may be placing land owners, private individuals, and companies at risk due to the fact that land surveys are being conducted by individuals who are not licensed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), but yet hold themselves out as surveyors, and perform surveys. Reports have also been lodged that these individuals are openly advertising in the yellow pages and other sources, and this could unfortunately be viewed as land surveying work.

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HLSA's goal in recommending this amendment is to deter and hopefully eliminate any illegal activity by these unlicensed individuals. HLSA also hopes to educate the general public, future clients, and those who consider doing survey work without a license on the new amendments and requirements.

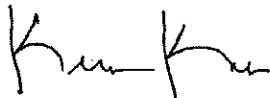
Those in need of a survey within the State of Hawaii should always hire a professional land surveyor licensed by DCCA. With this new clarified definition, it will clearly express the requisite education and experience that is required in order for someone to hold himself or herself out as being a professional licensed land surveyor, required under the statute.

The current definition was originally created in 1933, was amended several times with the last amendment being in 1989. Other states like California, Oregon, Oklahoma, and Florida have updated their definitions. Hawaii must now update its definition for the best interest of the public and the land surveying profession.

HLSA unequivocally supports HB 2272.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of this important bill.

Sincerely yours,



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