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Rep. Robert Herkes, Chair
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 2256 HD1, Re Condominiums
Hearing: Thurs., March 29, 2012, 2:35 p.m. Conf. Rm. #325

Chair Herkes and Vice-Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jane Sugimura. I am the President of the Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners (HCAAO) and I have been involved in advocating on condominium issues before the legislature for many years. In 2003-05, I was a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel that worked with the DCCA on the recodification of the condominium law that resulted in HRS 514B.

I support the intent and purpose of this bill, which would allow separate metering of utilities in all condominium projects regardless of when they were constructed. To the extent the bill implies that it would apply only to mixed-use condominium projects, I suggest clarification that it apply to all types of condominium projects and not limited only to mixed-use projects. I join with and agree with the points raised in Joyce Neeley's testimony in support of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.


Jane Sugimura