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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawai'i State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Re: SB 2730, SD1  
Relating to False Claims to the State**

DATE: Thursday, February 28, 2012  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Tom Grande, an attorney in private practice, and am submitting testimony in favor of this measure.

As the Committee is aware, this statute brings Hawai'i into conformance with the federal false claims act. This is beneficial not only to ensure the continued flow of monies into the state for work on federal cases, but also ensures that federal and other state case law may be followed by our courts in interpreting our statute.

We understand that the Department of Attorney General has a concern over inclusion of the amendments to the County False Claims Act in this proposed legislation. We will defer to the Attorney General on this matter and support any proposed revisions to the bill that they may have.

Thank you very much.