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Testimony on SB 2761, SD1 Relating to Financial Institutions

Offering Comments

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

I am Gary Fujitani, Executive Director of the Hawaii Bankers Association (HBA), offering comments on SB 2761, SD1. HBA is the trade organization that represents FDIC insured depository institutions operating branches in Hawaii.

This bill raises regulatory fees for financial institutions.

No business likes to see its cost increase, especially in these difficult economic times. However, we **do not** disagree with the practice of periodically reviewing and if justified, adjusting fees by a reasonable amount.

While we appreciate the consideration to revise a few of the fee amounts, the annual fee amount still represents an inordinate percentage increase. Additionally, the examination hourly fee will increase 50% on top of 41 **new** fees **not previously charged** with most of these fees in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range up to a maximum fee of \$20,000.

We look forward to continuing to work with DFI to implement a more palatable schedule of fee changes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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