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February 20, 2013

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

FROM: Daniel Dinell  
ARDA – Hawaii, Chair

RE: H.B. 424 HD1, Relating to Timeshare Conveyances  
Position: Support

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto, Johanson, and members of the Committee:

The American Resort Development Association (ARDA) Hawaii, the local chapter of the national timeshare trade association, supports H.B. 424 establishing a Hawaii State Timeshare Commissioner of Deeds.

Hawaii law allowed for authentication of real estate documents by a Hawaii State Commissioner of Deeds from 1915 to 1989. The law was repealed because the State had not ever appointed a Commissioner of Deeds. This new bill would reestablish that program to allow for the sale of timeshare units located within Hawaii to take place in international waters and in foreign countries without having to secure approval of a U.S. State Department Consular officer or an apostille, which is a cumbersome and time-consuming process.

The State of Florida has a similar program that has been in effect since 1988 and has worked well for the timeshare industry in Florida. We believe a similar program will work well to expand the pool of potential purchasers of Hawaii-based timeshares. The original bill was amended by the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce to include a bonding requirement and make other technical amendments. We support the bonding requirement and realize that there are several options as to where the bond would be held. We have no preference as to where it is held.

We look forward to hearing the testimony of the other stakeholders and working with them and the Committee to improve this bill as it moves through the legislative process. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 424 HD1.

*“Timeshare With Aloha”*