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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2822, S.D. 1, RELATING TO CRIMINAL
HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS.**

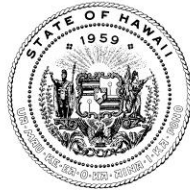
TO THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer for the Real Estate Appraiser Program, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division ("PVLD") of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill No. 2822, S.D. 1, Relating to Criminal History Record Checks for Real Estate Appraisers.

The Department strongly supports this administration bill. This bill seeks to amend the law relating to criminal history record checks to allow the Department to conduct criminal background checks on real estate appraiser license applicants as required by federal law.

Under the provisions of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, the Appraiser Qualifications Board "AQB" establishes the minimum education, experience, and examination requirements for real property appraisers to obtain a state license or certification. Effective January 1, 2015, all candidates for a real property appraiser credential must undergo background screening. State appraiser regulatory agencies shall, at a minimum, obtain fingerprints of the individual and any appropriate identifying information for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and/or any governmental agency or entity authorized to receive such information in connection with a state and national background check.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2822, S.D. 1.



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TO THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE SHARON E. HAR, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2822 S.D.1, Relating to Criminal History Record Checks for Real Estate Appraisers. My name is Daria Loy-Goto, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers the following testimony in support of this Administration bill.

Real estate appraisers are licensed by the Department in accordance with standards set forth by the Appraiser Qualifications Board ("Board"), under Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989. As of January 1, 2015, the Board will require a criminal background check for all real estate appraiser license applicants. Senate Bill No. 2822 S.D.1 authorizes the Department to conduct criminal background checks on applicants for real estate appraiser licenses. Senate Bill No. 2822 S.D.1 is necessary to ensure that the Department's Real Estate Appraiser Program remains in compliance with federal law.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2822 S.D.1. I will be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Committee may have.