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April 14, 2014

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair and Members
Committee on Technology and the Arts
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Members
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Wakai, Espero, and Baker and Members:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution No. 32, Urging Congress, Hawaii

Financial Institutions, and Hawaii Businesses to Adopt Legislation, Policies, and Procedures to Use Identity Theft-Resistant Credit Cards

I am Keith Horikawa, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports House Concurrent Resolution No. 32, Urging Congress, Hawaii Financial Institutions, and Hawaii Businesses to Adopt Legislation, Policies, and Procedures to Use Identity Theft-Resistant Credit Cards.

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Theft-resistant credit cards, also referred to as "chip and pin" and "chip and sign" credit cards, are well established in the Asian and European markets and have reduced credit card fraud by more than 70 percent through the use of microchip technology in place of traditional magnetic-strip encoding. In Hawaii, credit card fraud accounts for millions of dollars in losses each year and is the most common type of financial crime scheme. Utilizing theft-resistant credit cards would significantly reduce credit card fraud and lessen the victimization of individuals and businesses in Hawaii.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support House Concurrent Resolution No. 32, Urging Congress, Hawaii Financial Institutions, and Hawaii Businesses to Adopt Legislation, Policies, and Procedures to Use Identity Theft-Resistant Credit Cards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Comments on HCR 32

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committees

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 75 Hawaii credit unions, representing approximately 804,000 credit union members across the state.

Credit/debit card fraud is a growing problem, as evidenced by the recent breaches experienced by Target, Neiman Marcus, and other merchants. Credit unions strive to provide the best service and safety for the financial needs of our members, and many credit unions are already working towards greater protections in credit and debit cards. For example, Hawaii State Federal Credit Union recently announced that they will be offering new cards that contain microchips that are encrypted.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.