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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S. B. 2958, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ONLINE
PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE MAILE S. L. SHIMABUKURO, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of Consumer Protection ("OCP") appreciates the opportunity to appear today and testify in support of S.B. 2958, S.D. 1, Relating to Online Protection of Individual Rights. My name is Bruce B. Kim and I am the Executive Director of OCP.

S.B. 2958, S.D. 1 amends HRS § 481B-22(b) to delete the word "living" from the phrase "living person". It also deletes the word "living" from the phrase "living person" in HRS §§ 481B-23(a)(9) and 481B-24(a).

The change to HRS § 481B-22(b) broadens the application of the section to include businesses which may be victims of online bad faith registration of a domain name. HRS § 481B-21 currently defines “person” to include a, “corporation, government, governmental entity . . . partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, . . . or any other legal or commercial entity.” Deleting the reference to “living” in HRS 481B-22(b) would broaden its applicability consistent with the statute’s definition of “person”. The other changes in S.D. 1 also broaden the protections afforded by Chap. 481B, part II, Cybersquatting.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. If any members of the committee have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.