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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health State Capitol, Conference Room 229 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

## RE: Testimony to Amend SB297

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members Chang, Espero, Ihara Jr., Kidani and Ruderman:

On behalf of the Mililani Town Association (MTA), I would like to urge you to consider an amendment to SB297. As written, SB297 punishes a management company or agent for failing to *complete* repairs within six months. I request that the word *complete* be replaced with <u>begin</u> (or <u>initiate, start</u>, etc.). There are many scenarios where a repair could take longer than six months to complete. A special order part may need to be ordered from the mainland, a building permit may be required which could take more than six months to obtain, an obsolete piece of equipment may need to be totally replaced, or a job may require financing that could delay the repair. The law as written does not take these circumstances into consideration. I fully agree with the intent of this bill, and probably 95% of all repairs can easily be completed within 6 months, but I'm worried that as written it could penalize a manager through no fault of their own in some of the scenarios I've provided.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 440-2614, I will be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

David O'Neal, CMCA, AMS General Manager