



**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI,
PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
March 15, 2018**

Re: HB 2582 HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Good afternoon Chairperson Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization committed to supporting the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii supports HB 2582 HD1 Relating to Public Safety. This measure establishes a task force to make recommendations for the Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Plan. A comprehensive plan with input from not only government but businesses as well is a step in the right direction.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.