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February 24, 2021

Honorable Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Honorable Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC)
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: COMMENTS regarding HB307; Hearing Date: February 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
in House Conf. conference room 329/videoconference; sent via Internet**

Dear Rep. Johanson, Chairman; Rep. Kitagawa, Vice-Chair; Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. Unfortunately, I have a previously scheduled meeting off island during the meeting so may not be able to appear via videoconference.

The majority of the subject matter in this bill was previously addressed in HB599. We suggest that you pass **HB599 with amendments** as previously submitted to the Committee.

Section 4 of the bill does contain wording regarding electronic meetings for condominium boards of directors. However, we believe it is not needed since they can already meet electronically.

If you require any additional information, your call is most welcome. I may be contacted via phone: 423-6766 or through e-mail: Steveghi@Gmail.com. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Sincerely,

Steve Glanstein

Steve Glanstein, Professional Registered Parliamentarian
Chair, HSAP Legislative Committee
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February 23, 2021

Chair Aaron Ling Johanson
Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: HB 307 SUPPORT

Dear Chair Johanson, Vice-Chair Kitagawa and Committee Members:

The Community Associations Institute ("CAI") supports the purpose and intent of HB 307.

HB 599 is to similar effect. Its companion, SB 784 SD1, has passed from the Senate to the House.

A number of persons who represent associations have reviewed the various bills seeking to address meeting requirements, particularly in emergencies, and will be putting forward consensus language for consideration by the Committee. Whatever vehicle is most conducive to passage should be pursued to enable associations to have flexibility regarding meetings.

Very truly yours,

Philip Nerney

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Submitted on: 2/23/2021 8:58:14 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/25/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jane Sugimura	Hawaii Council for Assoc. of Apt. Owners	Oppose	No

Comments:

HCAAO prefers HB599.



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The Waikiki Neighborhood Board supports the concept of the following bill: HB307

At the February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board the Board voted in favor of the concept of this bill.

Condominiums in Waikiki are the primary source of housing. Often owners live off Island but can only participate in Annual or Board of Director's meetings by Proxy or by flying into Honolulu for those meetings. Annual meetings are critical to the owner's investment and currently with the new Fire/Safety ordinance multimillion-dollar decisions on the Sprinkler and other issues need to be fully discussed.

Robert J. Finley

Robert J. Finley
Chair

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Submitted on: 2/25/2021 10:10:19 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/25/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Emery	Associa	Support	No

Comments:

The pandemic has taught us a lot. A very necessary Bill. SUPPORT.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2021 1:16:30 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/25/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I serve on a condo board. This pandemic has made governing difficult. When most association documents were written the internet. Zoom, webex, etc. did not exist. My condo was lucky. Our 2020 meeting was in February, before the lock down. We need a law that will cover us during pandemics and similar emergencies.

While I did not see it in the bill, I would object to internet voting. It is not safe. Given the SolarWinds fiasco where major government and business websites were hacked, where confidential information was compromised, we should not tempt fate with association and board meetings.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 12:55:34 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/25/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
R Laree McGuire	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support and believe the bill should be expanded to allow for electronic meetings and electronic or machine voting in co-op (HRS 421I), as well as timeshare (HRS 514E) meetings in accordance with HRS 414D-101(g) and HRS 414D-102(f), notwithstanding the content of their governing documents, as the same logic applies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 1:31:01 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/25/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

I support the intent of H.B.307, but urge the Committee to defer action on the bill and to address the electronic meeting issue via H.B. 599 which covers the same topic. Otherwise, you may end up with two bills on the same topic with conflicting provisions. H.B. 307 does include a change to HRS Section 514B-125(d) which is not addressed in H.B. 599, but this change is not necessary for most associations because HRS Section 514B-125(d) already provides that “[u]nless otherwise provided in the declaration or bylaws, a board may permit any meeting to be conducted by any means of communication through which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting.”

Sincerely,

M. Anne Anderson