

Dear Representative Nakashima, Chair, Representative Sayama, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

and

Dear Representative Tarnas, Chair, Representative Takayama, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs:

I support the intent of H.B. 2317, but suggest a change, as follows:

I object to the last sentence of HB2317 which reads: “The mailing of the written statements by the association shall include an internet link informing owners that statements shall be available on the Internet.” The sentence should include the phrase indicating the statements are available, if the Association posts such statements on the internet or if the board’s notice of intent to distribute proxies states that a longer statement shall be available on the Internet.

Please consider the above change in passing H.B. 2317.

Respectfully,

Pamela J. Schell

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:49:44 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Emery	Hawaii First Realty LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Reasonable clarification.

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:50:48 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark McKellar	Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Mark McKellar

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:53:50 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Madix	Palehua Townhouse Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our association supports HB2317. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., President

H.B. 2317 TESTAMONY

February 13, 2024

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Respectfully submitted,

Reyna C. Murakami  
AOUO President, AOA Waiālae Place  
AOUO President, AOA Mariner’s Village 1  
AOUO Vice- President, The Continental Apartments

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February 14, 2024

The Honorable Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Jackson D. Sayama, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: HB 2317 - Comments**

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, Chair Tarnas and Vice  
Chair Takayama:

The Community Associations Institute (CAI) is a national and  
statewide organization of individuals involved in the operation of  
community associations, including homeowners, directors, managers  
and business partners of community associations.

**CAI provides the following comments on HB 2317.**

CAI's concern is that apparently this bill makes it mandatory for  
Associations to post the owners' statements on the internet. Some  
associations are very small and may only have a handful of units.  
These smaller associations do not have the resources to maintain  
websites to post the statements online.

First, based on the proposed formatting changes to the statute, on  
page 3, lines 3-6 of the bill, there is now a sentence that reads:

The mailing of the written statements by the  
association shall include an internet link

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informing owners that ... statements shall be available on the internet.

CAI respectfully requests that it be clarified that this only applies in the case that "the board's notice of intent to distribute proxies states that a longer statement shall be available on the internet." In the current draft, it is ambiguous.

The simple solution is to combine the two sentences so that it reads:

If the board's notice of intent to distribute proxies states that a longer statement shall be available on the internet ... the mailing of the written statements by the association shall include an internet link...

Second, CAI respectfully requests that part of the stricken wording at the end be left in to read "In all other instances the association shall not be required to make a longer statement available on the Internet" not be stricken.

In other words, smaller associations should still be protected from the need to maintain a website.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter. If you have any questions, I will be available to answer them.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dallas H. Walker

Dallas Walker, Esq.

for

The Hawaii Legislative  
Action Committee of the  
Community Associations  
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February 13, 2024

Honorable Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
Honorable Rep. Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC)  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chair  
Honorable Rep. Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (JHA)  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT OF HB2317 with Amendments; Hearing Date:  
February 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.; sent via Internet**

Dear Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chairs, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. The Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians ("HSAP") has been providing professional parliamentary expertise to Hawaii since 1964.

I am the chair of the HSAP Legislative Committee. I'm also an experienced Professional Registered Parliamentarian who has worked with condominium and community associations every year since I began my parliamentary practice in 1983 (more than 2,000 meetings in 40 years). I was also a member of the Blue Ribbon Recodification Advisory Committee that presented the recodification of Chapter 514B to the legislature in 2004.

This testimony is provided as part of HSAP's effort to assist the community based upon our collective experiences with the bylaws and meetings of numerous condominiums, cooperatives, and planned community associations.

This testimony is presented in SUPPORT OF HB2317 with some proposed changes.

We concur with Anne Anderson, Esq., whose assistance and comments have been invaluable in improving the proposed wording for this bill.



**Summary of Bill:**

The bill proposes to clarify the HRS §421J-4 requirements and remove older wording of a 100 word statement that has been replaced by a single page statement.

**Proposed Change:**

We suggest that the statement,

“ The mailing of the written statements by the association shall include an internet link informing owners that ~~[longer]~~ statements shall be available on the Internet.”

be changed to read,

~~“[; and the mailing of the written statements by the association shall include an internet link informing owners that longer statements shall be available on the Internet.] . In that event,~~  
the mailing of the written statements by the association shall include an internet link informing owners that statements shall be available on the Internet.”

(page 3, lines 3-6)

We request that HB2317 be approved by the Committees with the above discussed amendments.

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](mailto:Steveghi@Gmail.com). Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Sincerely,

***Steve Glanstein***

Steve Glanstein, Professional Registered Parliamentarian  
Chair, HSAP Legislative Committee

SG:tbs/Amendments

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:02:51 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laura Bearden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bearden

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:04:10 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Toalson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Respectfully submitted,

John Toalson

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:12:21 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joe M Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Joe Taylor

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:16:18 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie Sokach	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sokach AMS, PCAM

Community Portfolio Manager

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:20:24 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
mary freeman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freeman

Ewa Beach



**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:25:30 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christina Marumoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Marumoto

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:41:05 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul A. Ireland Koftinow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Ireland Koftinow

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:45:17 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawn Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in favor of this measure and the right to inform owners by internet of the qualifications of those running for directorships of their respective boards.

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:03:30 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anne Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Anne Anderson

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:27:47 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Primrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Primrose K. Leong-Nakamoto

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 6:19:55 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lance S. Fujisaki	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lance Fujisaki

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 6:54:00 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julie Wassel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Julie Wassel



**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 6:58:37 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachel Glanstein	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

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Please consider passing H.B. 2317 with the above amendment.

Mahalo for your time,

Rachel Glanstein

**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:15:47 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Herzog	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Legislature:

I am writing to request your support for HB2317, a crucial piece of legislation designed to foster greater transparency and equity within Planned Community Associations across Hawaii. As a committed member of my own AOA at Makaha Surfside, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and discrepancies that can arise from the lack of clear, enforceable standards governing the actions of Boards and managing agencies.

HB2317 represents a significant step forward in ensuring that the voices of all owners, including those of us who are often absent due to residing elsewhere or due to other commitments, are heard and valued equally. The proposed amendments, particularly those related to the submission and handling of proxy votes and the nomination process for board members, are essential in preventing the exploitation of power by a select few and in guaranteeing that decision-making processes are both transparent and accessible to all members of the community.

The requirement for proxies to be submitted in a timely manner, coupled with the provision allowing for the submission of statements of qualification online, not only modernizes our associations but also creates a level playing field for all owners wishing to participate in the governance of their community. These changes are vital for fostering a culture of inclusivity and fairness, where every member's contribution is acknowledged and valued.

I urge you to pass HB2317 and help us ensure that our community associations operate with the highest standards of transparency and fairness, reflecting the true spirit of aloha that defines our great state. By supporting this bill, you are championing the rights of all property owners and paving the way for more democratic, efficient, and transparent community governance in Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of HB2317.

Sincerely,

Jessica M Herzog

Makaha Surfside, 96792



**HB-2317**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 1:26:21 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol Walker	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I propose that the last sentence be revised to add, “In that event,” at the beginning of the sentence, in order that the sentence shall read as follows: “In that event, the mailing of the written statements by the association shall include an internet link informing owners that statements shall be available on the Internet.”

Please consider passing H.B. 2317 with the above amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Walker

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Comments:

I am a condo owner in Honolulu and I am in support of this Bill and any others that aim to improve and clarify the current process and rules related to proxy voting -- especially allowing interested owners be given ample time and opportunity to submit their background and reasons for wanting to be nominted for a position on the Board.

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Comments:

Thw wording missing is that the owner who wants to run for the Board should be advertised by the association when the meeting is announced.

In our building, the Association sents by snail mail these advertisements for "theor" people and the opposition has no ways to contact other owners.