



March 20, 2025

The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
State Capitol, Conference Room 329 & Videoconference

RE: House Concurrent Resolution 24

HEARING: Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Chun, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lyndsey Garcia, Director of Advocacy, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawaii and its over 10,000 members. HAR **supports** House Concurrent Resolution 24 requesting the Auditor to conduct a follow-up sunrise review to sunrise analysis: condominium association managers, Report No. 05-10, which analyzed the regulation of condominium association managers.

HAR recognizes the vital role that association managers play in overseeing repairs and projects, managing finances and accounting, and ensuring resident safety in condominiums. These associations are typically led by volunteer boards who may lack specialized expertise in property management. Since the last sunrise analysis was conducted in 2005, condominium-related issues have evolved significantly. As such, a follow-up sunrise review of the licensure requirements for association managers can help ensure they have the necessary qualifications to effectively support and protect these communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Keoni Shizuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee members of the House Committee on Higher Education,

Attending college in the early 2000s, I bounced between schools and majors, searching for a connection to an industry or profession that I could have a successful career in. While at UH Manoa however, I found something much more important, an identity.

Through Hawaiian language and Hawaiian studies courses, I found a connection and understanding of a culture I never knew I already had. This gave my life meaning, direction, and a motivation that still drives me today. It is not an exaggeration to say that I am a much more aware, engaged, and active member in my community because of this.

I am not special or one-of-a-kind. I am one of thousands of Native Hawaiians who could benefit from Kawaihuelani, and the services they provide for our keiki and communities throughout the state, including those in our charter or immersion schools today.

Please support the further growth and development of Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language.

Mahalo,

Keoni Shizuma