

February 17, 2009

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology

State Capitol, Room 229

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: S.B. 6 Relating to Real Property

Hearing date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Baker, Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Joint Committees:

I am Myoung Oh, here to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® (HAR) and its 9,600 members in Hawai'i. HAR **supports S.B. 6**, which permits the registrar of the Bureau of Conveyances to accept electronic documents with electronic signatures.

The Bureau of Conveyances accepts only original paper instruments with original signatures for recordation in the Regular and Land Court systems. S.B. 6 will allow the Bureau to accept electronic documents for recordation.

HAR supports efforts to allow for faster and better processing of documents. Electronic recording will also allow neighbor island residents and businesses to save costs by eliminating the need to mail or courier documents. Acceptance of electronic files will make the Bureau of Conveyances more efficient, and ultimately, benefit the real estate industry and consumers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.