

# LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY OF CARLITO P. CALIBOSO  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE  
FEBRUARY 4, 2009

**MEASURE:** H.B. No. 164

**TITLE:** Relating to Prepaid Calling Cards

Chair Herkes and Members of the Committee:

**DESCRIPTION:**

This bill amends chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, ("HRS"), by adding a new section requiring companies that provide prepaid calling services to the public to make disclosures to the consumer at the time of purchase relating to surcharges, fees, rounding of time, etc.

**POSITION:**

The Commission supports the intent of the subject matter of this bill relating to the protection of consumers of prepaid calling cards, provided the bill is amended as described herein:

**COMMENTS:**

- While the Commission supports the regulation of prepaid calling card companies and their services and consumer practices, under this bill the Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is responsible for enforcement.
- This bill leaves the responsibility of drafting and adopting administrative rules under chapter 91, HRS, prescribing additional information that a prepaid calling card company provides, to the Office of Consumer Protection.
- It would therefore seem logical and appropriate that chapter 487, HRS, be amended to include this provision.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.