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TO: The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

FROM: Stacy Crivello
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 31, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 314, RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hawaii State Association of Counties in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to regulate operators of unmanned aircraft systems, popularly known as drones.

This measure is included in the 2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package. Therefore, I submit this testimony on HSAC's behalf.

HSAC supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. Drones can photograph, videotape and audio record activity whether on public or private property. This measure would address the collection and possible misuse of personal information. While the use is widely allowed and is beneficial for certain purposes, the protection of individual privacy and security is a concern.
2. Guidelines and standards may also address safety issues related to drones. If not operated properly, these systems may injure or cause property damage or nuisance to residents and visitors.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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