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HAWAII FOCUSES ON FRAUD PREVENTION DURING AMERICA SAVES WEEK

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Office of the Securities Commissioner is joining various government and financial agencies nationwide to raise awareness about savings during America Saves Week, which runs from February 21-28.

The Office of the Securities Commissioner encourages Hawai'i residents to be part of America Saves Week by taking the time to learn more about saving, investing, and safeguarding assets from investment fraud.

"In 2010, saving and investing for the future continues to be critical and protecting ourselves from fraud is on all of our minds," said Securities Commissioner Tung Chan. "America Saves Week is a great time for investors to remember to re-evaluate or develop a personal financial plan that meets each investor's specific financial needs. Always remember that any financial move should be consistent with your saving and investment objectives."

As part of America Saves Week, the DCCA will have an information display on the 2nd floor of the DCCA building (King Kalakaua Building, 335 Merchant Street). Free investor education materials for interested individuals will be available.

Contact the Hawai'i Office of the Securities Commissioner at 808-587-7400 for important investor protection information. If you have been a victim of investment fraud, contact our office toll-free at 1-877-HI SCAMS or visit our website at www.investing.hawaii.gov to report fraud.

The Office of the Securities Commissioner is pleased to join the sponsor of America Saves Week, the Consumer Federation of America, to promote savings during this week. Other partners include the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), Federal Reserve Bank, United Way of America and the U.S. Department of Defense.

To learn more about America Saves Week visit www.americasavesweek.org.

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