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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 304.

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 304, regarding the **reappointment** of Armand K. Chong, D.D.S., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Chong's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Chong is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since March 15, 1990, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Chong is a valuable member and contributes greatly to the discussions at the Board's meetings. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrate that he is prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas. In addition, by

sharing insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed dentist in active practice, Dr. Chong has made significant contributions to the Board's deliberations. Moreover, Dr. Chong serves as an examiner for dental licensure exams which greatly assist with the process to determine whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry.

We believe that Dr. Chong's interest in serving the Board, his knowledge and experience in the profession, and his desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Chong to the Board of Dental Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.