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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 306.

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. 306, regarding the **reappointment** of Ross S. Okuda to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Okuda's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Okuda is being reappointed to the Board as a mechanical engineer licensee member. He has been licensed since October 29, 1997, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Okuda is a reliable member of the Board and actively participates in the Board's discussions and provides insights on mechanical engineering and general engineering. This contributes greatly to the Board's ability to make informed decisions.

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Mr. Okuda has also represented the Board at national meetings in addressing issues related to the practice of engineering.

We believe that Mr. Okuda's interest in serving on the Board, his experience and insights as a mechanical engineer, and desire to contribute to the community, both locally and nationally, will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Okuda to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.