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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 314.**

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. 314, regarding the **reappointment** of Patricia A. Lange-Otsuka, Ed.D., MSN, APRN, BC, CNE, to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Lange-Otsuka's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Lange-Otsuka is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed as a Registered Nurse since July 1, 1991, and as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse since May 1, 1998. Both licenses are current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Lange-Otsuka is a reliable member and has had excellent attendance at Board meetings. Her active participation during the meetings demonstrates she is well prepared to discuss matters that are on the Board's agenda. In addition, by sharing valuable insights which she has gained over her many years of experience as a licensed Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, and as Interim Dean of Nursing at Hawaii Pacific University, Dr. Lange-Otsuka contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found necessary when making its decisions. Further, on many occasions the Board has called upon Dr. Lange-Otsuka to assess an issue, articulate the finer points and make recommendations. We believe that Dr. Lange-Otsuka's interest in serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Lange-Otsuka to the Board of Nursing, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.