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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 325.**

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. 325, regarding the **reappointment** of Barry F. Luterman, Ph.D., to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Luterman's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Luterman is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed as an audiologist since September 24, 1998, and his license is current and in good standing.

Dr. Luterman holds master's and doctoral degrees in audiology and has over thirty years of experience in the profession. Dr. Luterman was a supervising audiologist with the Veterans Administration for twenty-seven years and an assistant professor of audiology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii. Additionally, he served on The Governor of Nevada's Task Force Investigating Hearing Aid Specialists and the Nevada Board of Hearing Aid Specialists. Dr. Luterman's education and experience enables him to evaluate the issues facing the Board objectively, balancing the interests of consumers and licensees. His excellent attendance at Board meetings since being appointed in 2005 shows his commitment to the Board. The reappointment of Dr. Luterman will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of speech pathology and audiology in Hawaii.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Luterman to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.