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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 458.**

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

My name is Ronald Boyer, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 458, regarding the appointment of John K. Kaya, to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Kaya's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Dr. Kaya and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Dr. Kaya, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background,

and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Dr. Kaya is currently licensed as a veterinarian in Hawaii. He earned his DVM degree from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Kaya is the acting President of the Honolulu Veterinary Society.

Although he is highly trained to provide medical care for animals, Dr. Kaya is also very community oriented. He currently volunteers his time to go to schools and talk with students regarding animal care. Dr. Kaya is a frequent public commentator on television where he makes informative appearances to educate the public on animal issues. His desire to serve on the Board is simply an extension of his current volunteer activities and a way for him to give back to the community.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Kaya will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Kaya's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Dr. Kaya's behalf.