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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 538.

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Lawrence M. Reifurth, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 538, regarding the appointment of Anne Marie Horner, to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports Ms. Horner's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to her appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Ms. Horner and her candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with her about the Board and her interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Ms. Horner, I believe that she possesses the qualifications,

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

Ms. Horner is a licensed speech pathologist who is currently employed by the State Department of Education. She earned her Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and is the current President of the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Ms. Horner is also a certified member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Ms. Horner understands that the primary focus of boards and commissions of this type is to protect the consumer. That is the reason she wishes to serve on the Board—to ensure that licensees are highly qualified.

As with many who volunteer their time to serve on a board or commission of this type, Ms. Horner has been active in her community. For several years, she was a Youth Coach for Manoa's Park and Recreation Youth Leagues, where she coached boys' and girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, girls' softball, and boys' baseball. Ms. Horner was also a Sunday School teacher at Sacred Hearts Academy.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Ms. Horner's behalf.

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April 14, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun
Senate Committee on Commerce
Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing

Dear Senator Kokubun:

This is in regards to Anne Horner, Speech Language Pathologist, who has been nominated to serve on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I, Dawn Neyer, am a Student Services Coordinator/Licensed Teacher and Counselor who has worked with Anne for four years. Anne has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and team work that will be a benefit to the Board.

Anne has always assisted school teams in understanding the various aspects of speech and language and how to assist students to effectively communicate across settings.

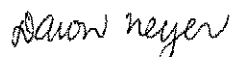
Anne is a responsible speech pathologist who dedicates her time and efforts in expanding her knowledge of the latest techniques and pertinent information to speech pathology by participating in various workshops throughout the year.

Anne is also a most dependable team player. Her good judgment and mature outlook ensure a logical and practical approach beneficial for the school team, parents and students. Often times, she assists others in formulating an effective program and placement for the students that encompasses all areas, not just speech and language.

Anne's leadership qualities extend beyond the school teams. She is currently serving as President of the Hawaii Speech-Language Hearing Association and as a staff alternate to Aliamanu Elementary School Community Council.

Anne's dedication and knowledge of speech pathology would be an asset to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, and I am happy to give her my wholehearted endorsement.

Sincerely,



Dawn Neyer
Student Services Coordinator/Teacher and Counselor

April 10, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing

Dear Senator Kokubun,

This is in regards to Anne Horner, Speech Language Pathologist, who has been nominated to serve on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I, Rei Kanzaki, am an Occupational Therapist Registered who has worked with Anne for 5 years. I feel Anne has many good qualities such as a collaborator, investigator, and resource that will enable her to be a great asset to the Board.

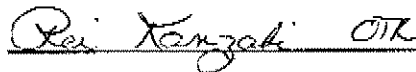
As a collaborator, Anne has assisted the teams (Special Education teacher, Regular Education teacher, Administrator, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Student Service Coordinator) in innovative ways to incorporate speech and language across settings , thus, enabling the students to generalize and transfer those skills throughout his /her day and program.

Anne is able to explore and investigate the ideas or issues presented to her. She is able to objectively look at all aspects, then give strategies or adaptations.

Anne is a good resource for speech and language. She keeps the teams abreast of new techniques and information that arise as well as assisting us in understanding how the technical aspects of speech language can be incorporated into the student's plan.

Anne has a very competent grasp of all aspects of Speech Pathology. She is a strong collaborator, investigator, and resource. From the perspective of a colleague who needs to be license/registered, I feel that Anne would make an excellent addition to the Board.

Sincerely,



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Senator Russell Kokubun, Chairman
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing Committee

Dear Chair Kokubun and Committee Members:

It is with confidence and pleasure that I support the nomination of Anne Horner, speech-language pathologist, to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

She has been a colleague in the schools in Central District since the summer of 2003, providing diagnostic and therapy services to students at elementary and secondary schools. She is an energetic and positive individual who also works harmoniously with parents and staff. She is a seeker of knowledge and strives for excellence in all her undertakings.

In other professional realms, she has served on the Board of our state professional organization, the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association, currently serving as its President. She has led the 250-member organization with ease and success, having just completed our annual convention this past week – a resounding success.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my support and experiences with Ms. Horner. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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