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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 539.

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Lawrence M. Reifurth, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 539, regarding the appointment of Dr. Emi Isaki to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Isaki'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 Dr. Isaki 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 Dr. Isaki, 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.

Dr. Isaki is an Assistant Professor at UH-Manoa. She is affiliated with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Hawai'i Speech-Language-Hearing Association, National Aphasia Association, Brain Injury Association of Hawai'i, and the Association of Neurogenic Communications Disorders.

Dr. Isaki is focused on consumers/patients and how Board decisions affect them. She is familiar with current issues in the profession and facing the Board.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Isaki 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 Dr. Isaki's appointment.

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