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9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 563.**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

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. 563, regarding the appointment of June J. Takano, to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology ("Board"). The Department supports Ms. Takano'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. Takano 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. Takano, I believe that she possesses the background and

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

Ms. Takano is no stranger to the boards and commissions in the Department. She has served as the public member on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. While serving on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Ms. Takano represented the layperson well by asking very good questions of the elevator mechanics. She was a pleasant member who was genuinely interested in the topics of discussion and had an excellent attendance record.

Ms. Takano is a retired Department of Education employee who, as with many others who volunteer their time to serve on a board or commission of this type, has been active in our community. She has been active in fundraising drives for both the Heart Association and the Lung Association.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Ms. Takano 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. Takano's appointment.

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

**April 10, 2008**

**Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Affordable  
Housing**

**Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Re: appointment of June Takano to the Board of Barbering and  
Cosmetology**

**June Takano has contacted me that she has been nominated to serve on the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. I am forwarding this letter on behalf of her confirmation to this board, by virtue of her education, training, and personal consumption of the products that are provided by those regulated by the Board. She is willing to serve and become involved, and she is a lawful and interested citizen who will go out of her way to attend and participate in the meetings, offering sage input, and otherwise fulfill her duties as a Board member.**

**June is the wife of my high school classmate, Robert Takano, Lt. Col., USAF, retired, whom I have known virtually since our elementary school days growing up in Wahiawa. I have met and gotten to know June very well over since their marriage, especially in the last 10 years or so. We have spent considerable time together, even though I live in San Diego, so that I can offer considerable insight into her character and capabilities to serve on this Board. She has already served on an advisory board regulating elevators for the past 4 years, and yet I know that this Board of Barbering and Cosmetology would have been her first choice had she been given a choice 4 years ago. She is the consummate consumer of services and products that fall under the purview of the Board, as she has always been immaculate in her dress and appearance; I know that she will be sensitive to the needs and special requirements of the consumer, while serving the business matters of barbers and cosmetologists with the utmost dedication and steadfast determination.**

**June is the mother of 3 girls, so that she is knowledgeable personally about consumer needs within this area; she has been a most highly involved grandmother now, being a whirlwind of activity as she flits about town and country in support of Junior Golf, Soccer, and the other athletic events that her grandsons partake in. Although my knowledge of the growing up period of her daughters is sketchy, I can envision that she was equally supportive**

of all the needs of the girls; her loving attitude will carry over into concerns that will be brought forward to the attention of the Board.

Even though I have spent nearly 50 years in San Diego, receiving my Ph. D. in Biological Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and then working as a faculty member at the University of California, San Diego, I have spent considerable time in Honolulu and Oahu ever since my retirement in 1994. I currently return to Honolulu on a monthly basis (spending 10 days a visit) and thus am quite aware of the current events that occur in Honolulu. I subscribe to the Honolulu Advertiser online, so that I do get an inkling of what goes on in Hawaii even during the time that I am not in Honolulu. I am well aware of the need that Hawaii has for timely, logical, and legitimate response from its citizenry; the needs far outweigh the number of volunteers available; in this case, June is such an excellent choice to represent you as a member of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology that there should be no hesitancy on her confirmation.

I forward my enthusiastic support of her nomination.

Respectively submitted,



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Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce Consumer  
Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kokubun,

I am Edna Kano, a retired teacher from the Department of Education. I have known June Takano for the past forty-five or more years as a neighbor and a dear friend. She is personable, responsible, fair, and honest. I am confident she will do her best, if she is approved to become a public member on the Board of Cosmetology.

During Governor Ariyoshi and Governor Cayetano's terms of office, I was also a public member on the Board of Cosmetology. I have encouraged June to give it a try. I know she will be an asset to the board, as a member representing the public.

If there are questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, you can reach me at 988-2287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edna Kano".

Edna Kano