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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 603.

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. 603, regarding the appointment of Lance M. Marugame to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Marugame's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Marugame is being appointed to the Board as a barber industry licensee member. He has been licensed as a barber since July 19, 1973, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Marugame previously served as a member of the Board of Barbers for five years from 1992 and served as Vice-Chair for four years until that board was merged with the Board of Cosmetology in 1997. He continued as a member of the combined

Board of Barbering and Cosmetology for the next eight years, appointed in June 1997, reappointed for a four-year term from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2004, then held over as a Board member until June 30, 2005. During his tenure, Mr. Marugame actively and effectively participated in the Board's proceedings and again provided leadership as Vice-Chair of the combined board during the last year of his term.

The depth and breadth of Mr. Marugame's experience and knowledge in a variety of different areas within the profession gained over the span of his professional career have been advantageous to the Board, especially in working to update the Board's administrative rules for the barbering profession. The Board came to rely extensively on Mr. Marugame's expertise and experience as a licensed barber, experienced stylist, and long-time owner/operator of his own shop. Also, Mr. Marugame consistently demonstrated his ability to work constructively with other members of the Board, its Executive Officer, and staff which made him a beneficial and valuable member of the Board. For these reasons, Mr. Marugame's appointment and return to the Board will facilitate the Board's work in fulfilling its regulatory duties and responsibilities.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Marugame to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.