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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 548**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 548, regarding the appointment of Wayne S. Atebara, M.D., D.M.D., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Atebara'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. Atebara 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. Atebara, 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.

An Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Dr. Atebara is also a licensed dentist. Dr. Atebara graduated from Hilo High School, earned his D.M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and earned his M.D. degree from the St. Louis University School of Medicine. Dr. Atebara has been very active in the medical and dental professions. He currently serves as a Director on the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a member of the American Dental Association. Dr. Atebara has also served as the President of the Hawaii Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Atebara's extensive medical and dental experience makes him eminently qualified to sit on the Board.

In addition to providing medical and dental care to the people of his community, Dr. Atebara is also involved in his community as a private citizen—he is a member of the Rotary Club of Hilo. Dr. Atebara would like to expand his public service as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners.

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

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