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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. 572, regarding the appointment of Wendy Mah to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Ms. Mah'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. Mah 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. Mah, I believe that she possesses the background and

experience to contribute as in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board as one of its public members.

Ms. Mah earned her B.S degree in psychology from Washington State University and M.A. degree in animal experimental psychology from the University of Colorado. Although Ms. Mah is seeking to serve as one of the Board's public members, and therefore is not a licensed veterinarian, she does have extensive professional experience with animals. For over twenty years, Ms. Mah has operated Wendy Mah's Sirius Puppy Training & Behavioral Consulting, a puppy training firm that provides group and private consultation for puppies and dogs of all ages, covering obedience, behavior, and temperament training. Ms. Mah is also a Certified Pet Dog Trainer and has professional affiliations with the Animal Behavior Society and the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. Ms. Mah will bring a different and valuable perspective to the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

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

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