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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 629.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 629, regarding the **reappointment** of Denise L. Cohen, APRN, to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Cohen's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Cohen is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed as a Hawaii Registered Nurse since September 16, 1983, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse since July 1, 1999, and received her prescriptive authority as an APRN on September 2, 2010. All three licenses are current, active and in good standing.

She has served on the Board since July 1, 2008, representing the County of Maui and is currently the Chair of the Board's Education Committee. As a devoted Board member, Ms. Cohen has attended 29 out of 31 meetings. Her extensive academic and administrative nursing experience enables her to understand the purpose of the Board and allows her to be an active participant as a licensee member. Ms. Cohen understands the issues as she has risen through the ranks of the nursing profession from a Licensed Practical Nurse to an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with prescriptive authority. Her unselfish desire to continue to serve as a licensee member makes her a valuable asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Cohen to the Board of Nursing and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

Aloha Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. I appreciate the opportunity to testify, on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN), in STRONG SUPPORT of GM629, recommending re-appointment of Denise Cohen to the Board of Nursing.

Ms. Cohen's exemplary service to the Board of Nursing has been greatly appreciated by the members of HAPN during her initial appointment. She has demonstrated her comprehensive and accurate understanding of the health care needs of the population of Hawai'i as well as the needs of the nursing community to provide that care to the population in a safe and competent manner. We are confident that when re-appointed, she will continue to deliver the highest quality of service to the Board.

Mahalo for your support of this nomination, and Warmest Aloha,

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