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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Acupuncture, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL HOWDEN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:15 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 670.

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

My name is Christine Rutkowski and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Acupuncture, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 670, regarding the **reappointment** of Michael Howden to the Board of Acupuncture ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Howden's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Howden is being nominated to the Board as a licensee member. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2007. Mr. Howden is a licensed acupuncturist and his license is current and in good standing.

Mr. Howden is a reliable member and his attendance at the meetings has been exemplary. The Board has convened 21 meetings and Mr. Howden attended every meeting. As an experienced Board member who previously served on the Board from November 1995 until June 30, 2001, Mr. Howden is knowledgeable about the duties and responsibilities that come with being a Board member.

His fellow Board members have made public their recognition and trust in his leadership by unanimously voting to have Mr. Howden represent them as their Chairperson for the last four years. As Chairperson, Mr. Howden encourages members to openly discuss the matters facing the Board even when members have contradicting positions or when controversy may arise. These open discussions serve to provide the members with valuable points of view through which they are able to formulate well informed decisions.

The Department believes that Mr. Howden's interest in continuing to serve on the Board, his active experience in the profession and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Michael Howden to the Board of Acupuncture, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Conference Room 229
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Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, strongly supports the appointment of MICHAEL HOWDEN to the Board of Acupuncture for a term to expire in 2015. Mr. Howden has continuously distinguished himself as a leader in our community in the field of alternative and complimentary medicine. He brings to this appointment knowledge of our local community and his chosen profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support this measure.

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