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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 653
JAMES CORCORAN, PH.D.

WRITTEN ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 653 regarding the appointment of JAMES CORCORAN, Ph.D. to the Board of Acupuncture ("Board") as a public member. The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

James Corcoran received his Ph.D. in Modern Chinese History and a Master of Arts in Asian Studies, concentrating on Chinese history from the University of Hawaii. He is currently an Assistant Professor of History and Asian Studies and Curriculum Area Liaison, History and Diplomacy and Military Studies for Military Campus Programs at Hawaii Pacific University. Mr. Corcoran has a strong interest in traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture that he has shared with his students through his course curricula. Also, Mr. Corcoran has been a recipient of traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture for many years, and can bring the patient perspective to the oversight functions of the Acupuncture board.

Mr. Corcoran is a member and current president of the Maunawili Community Association, president of the Windward Civilian Military Council, and was an elected member to the City and County of Honolulu Kailua Neighborhood Board from 1999-2000. In those capacities, Mr. Corcoran gained valuable working knowledge of the state's sunshine law, as well as Hawaii's statutes and administrative rules.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Corcoran will prove to be an asset to the State through his service to the Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Corcoran's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.