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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 664 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, gubernatorial Nominee Dorothy Kuuleinani Fife, for a term to expire June 30, 2015

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Dorothy Kuuleinani Fife to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Ms. Fife's nomination is a reappointment. She currently serves as an active member of our Legislative Committee and has served in the past as Vice Chairperson.

Ms. Fife represents the consumer population, specifically the blind and visually impaired community. Ms. Fife is currently a manager at Work Hawaii, an employee of the City and County of Honolulu and was a former administrator at the YWCA. She has nearly twenty years of program administration background and brings a very balanced and knowledgeable perspective to the Board. In particular, she brings her professional expertise in the area of employment, for people in general, and for people with disabilities in particular.

Although Ms. Fife has been a full-time employee for many years, she has found time to volunteer and has been active in the community with organizations such as the National Federation of the Blind and the Eye of the Pacific Guide Dogs.

We believe that Ms. Fife will continue to be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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