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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 665 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, gubernatorial nominee Robin Inaba, for a term to expire June 30, 2015

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Robin Inaba 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. Inaba is an interim appointee, and we therefore ask that she be appointed to a regular term this session.

Ms. Inaba is a licensed architect. She also represents the Island of Hawaii. Although Inaba Architecture LLC is a small firm, Ms. Inaba has shown wide breadth of all phases of the design industry. Even before her interim appointment, Ms. Inaba was an avid proponent of accessible design, attending all our design-related conferences and trainings. In her interim year, she has participated consistently and enthusiastically on our Standing Committee on Facility Access and has offered suggestions on how to improve our education outreach to architects, assisted in developing a revenue enhancing program, and contributed to our overall design program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director