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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 667 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, gubernatorial nominee Lance Kaneshiro, for a term to expire June 30, 2015

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Lance Kaneshiro 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.

Mr. Kaneshiro's nomination is a reappointment. He currently serves as Chairman of our Standing Committee on Facility Access.

Mr. Kaneshiro is a licensed architect in the State of Hawaii with private architectural firm. Mr. Kaneshiro has expertise in the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for the design of buildings and facilities. The Board has responsibility, under §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to review all plans and specifications for the construction of state and county buildings, facilities, and sites to ensure physical access for persons with disabilities. Mr. Kaneshiro's architectural expertise has been valuable in the setting of policies, guidelines, interpretive opinions, and recommendations on key issues such as a new State Building Code.

We believe that Mr. Kaneshiro will continue to be an asset to the Board and we recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted, .

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