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## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 669 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, gubernatorial nominee Glenn Nakamura, for a term to expire June 30, 2014

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Glenn Nakamura 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. Nakamura has been an interim appointee since 2011, and we respectfully request that his appointment be for a full term.

Mr. Nakamura, as an interim appointee, has already been extremely active on our Standing Committee on Parking. As a person with a disability and a user of accessible parking spaces, he is a strong advocate for enforcement and appropriate stall design. Mr. Nakamura's interests are not limited to parking, however. He is a supporter of the Americans with Disabilities Act in all aspects to services. Mr. Nakamura's many years as a business person also help him with a balanced perspective on the implementation of civil rights laws. In only one year on the Board, he has been a consistent contributor and advocate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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