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**PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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Wednesday, March 27, 2013
4:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86, REQUESTING THE PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER STREAMLINING OR CONSOLIDATING ANY OF THE LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DIVISION.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division ("Division"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Division appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on H.C.R. No. 86, Requesting the Division to Convene a Working Group to Consider Streamlining or Consolidating any of the Licensing Boards and Commissions within the Purview of the Division.

The purpose of the resolution is to review and consider streamlining or consolidating any of the twenty-five (25) licensing boards and commissions within the purview of the Division, due to the preconception that the Division has a limited number of financial and human resources to successfully administrate all twenty-five (25) licensing boards and commissions. Currently, there are fourteen (14) Executive Officers who oversee the administrative responsibilities for the twenty-five (25) regulatory boards and commissions. Their main responsibility is to ensure the safeguarding of the general public's interest relative to the regulation of the various professions and vocations. They assist and advise the boards and commissions and arrange for and attend approximately 194 meetings each calendar year. These meetings have been proven to be manageable and well attended and carefully coordinated by all involved. The Division is able to maintain its current workload with the resources appropriated by the Legislature. Therefore, we do not believe this resolution is necessary.

However, if the Legislature feels that it is vital for the Division to examine and review the structure of its twenty-five (25) licensing boards and commissions, then we would like to suggest that the Legislature request that the Office of the Auditor assist with this undertaking and have that office take the lead on these resolutions, as that office has the expertise and a proven track record in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.C.R. No. 86.