

## **DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD**

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## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 608

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board Gubernatorial Nominee Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is pleased to support the reappointment of Ms. Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong to our Board.

Ms. Fischlowitz-Leong has been an extremely valuable member of the Board, appointed to fill a consumer slot representing the low vision community. In addition, Ms. Fischlowitz-Leong is the Executive Director of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii and is familiar with the full array of technology advances to assist individuals with disabilities to be more independent in the community.

Ms. Fischlowitz-Leong has served in many capacities on the DCAB Board. She has been a member of the Legislative Committee since her first appointment and currently serves as our Legislative Chairperson. She also served as Chair of the Board for two years as well as serving as a member on the Executive Committee. Ms. Fischlowitz-Leong is very involved as a strong community advocate for equal access for persons with disabilities, particularly vocal to support the changing use of technology to provide access in areas such as adaptive computers, web access, reading, and activities of daily living.

We strongly support Ms. Fischlowitz-Leong's nomination to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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