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ON
FINANCE

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016
11:00 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1627 H.D.2
RELATING TO MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS BY
THE REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1627 H.D.2, Relating to Medical Investigations by the Regulated Industries Complaints Office. My name is Daria Loy-Goto and I am the Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO supports this bill.

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House Bill No. 1627 H.D.2 requires RICO to establish a division that specializes in investigating medical complaints and appropriates unspecified general revenue funds for four field investigator positions and one staff attorney position to handle investigations of medical complaints. The bill also has a defective effective date.

The additional staff would assist RICO in its investigation of medical cases and allow RICO's existing staff more time to devote to investigating complaints involving the other professions RICO oversees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1627 H.D.2. I will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.



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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 26, 2016

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

FROM: HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

RE: HB 1627

The Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure.

This measure requires RICO to establish a division that specializes in investigating medical complaints. This will help to expedite the resolution of medical complaints and protect the populous.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify

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