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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91, REQUESTING
THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.**

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on S.C.R. No. 91.

The concurrent resolution requests that the Auditor perform a sunrise analysis of the proposed regulation of the profession of Certified Professional Midwife, as proposed in House Bill No. 1899, House Draft 1, introduced during the Regular Session of 2016. Although a sunrise study was conducted seventeen years ago in 1999, it would be in

the best interest of consumers to re-evaluate the regulation of certified professional midwives.

The sunrise review would be conducted pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). The Auditor's analysis would set forth the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the purposes of section 26H-2, HRS, and assess alternate forms of regulation. The Department agrees that a current sunrise analysis should be conducted by the Auditor before certified professional midwives are regulated.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on S.C.R. No. 91.