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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 946, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE
AUTHORITY TO ADJUST PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING FEES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (“PVLD”), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this Administration bill, Senate Bill No. 946, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to the Authority to Adjust Professional and Vocational Licensing Fees.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 946, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 is to update the existing authority to adjust licensing fees to include six licensing laws (chapters 436H, 440E,

465D, 466D, 472, and 481E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”)) that are currently not included in §92-28(1), HRS, and to add language to allow for the automatic inclusion of all future licensing regulatory areas specifically and statutorily assigned to the DCCA pursuant to title 25, HRS.

Section 92-28, HRS, was last updated in 2007. Since then, six new licensing areas have been added to the PVLD for regulation. The six areas are Athletic Trainers, Behavior Analysts, Mixed Martial Arts, Respiratory Therapists, Uniform Athlete Agents, and Veterinary Technicians. This measure also updates section 92-28, HRS, to include language that will allow for the automatic inclusion of any new PVLD licensing laws or other laws creating boards, commissions, or programs within DCCA pursuant to title 25, HRS. The amendments to the law are essential in order to timely decrease or increase fees in a manner that is fair and impartial to all licensees.

The Department respectfully requests that this Committee amend the measure by restoring the original effective date of “Upon approval”.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this Administration bill, Senate Bill No. 946, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, with the requested amendment.