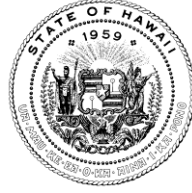


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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
2:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**On the following measure:  
H.B. 1331, RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA or Department). The Department supports this bill, which establishes additional amounts to be appropriated or authorized and positions for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the DCCA's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL), program ID CCA-105, under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Intrastate Commerce.

The PVL is requesting an appropriation out of the Compliance Resolution Fund of:

- \$300,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 and \$300,000 for FY 2020-2021 to fund software licensing costs to replace the PVL's applicant/licensee integrated automated system; and

- \$108,806 for FY 2019-2020 and \$108,806 for FY 2020-2021 to fund two full-time equivalent (2.00 FTE) permanent positions that will perform work pertaining to Act 044, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 (physician licensure by endorsement).

The PVL's reserves and anticipated revenues should be sufficient to cover its budget requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.