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Testimony COMMENTING on HR199
CONVENING A DIGITAL GAMING ADVISORY GROUP TO ASSESS AND
MONITOR PREDATORY PRACTICES IN THE DIGITAL GAMING INDUSTRY.
REP. CHRIS LEE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** There is emerging researching that video game loot boxes may be
3 linked to gambling behaviors, and that loot boxes and gambling may lead to increases in problem
4 gambling amongst gamers (Zendle 2018).

5 The Department of Health is willing to provide subject-matter expertise to a working group to
6 explore policy solutions to exploitive practices in digital video games.

7 However, the department recommends that the Legislative Reference Bureau or Office of the
8 Legislative Auditor be designated as chair of the working group, due to the apparent lack of
9 experience or expertise in the executive branch.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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