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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 526, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PATRICK ADAMS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Patrick Adams' appointment to the Board of Pharmacy (Board) as a pharmacist member from Hawaii Island.

Mr. Adams has more than 20 years of experience in pharmacy, including serving as a pharmacy manager in Washington and Hawaii, the director of pharmacy at Foodland Supermarkets from 2003 to 2017, and the community affairs director at University of Hawaii Hilo School of Pharmacy from 2011 to 2013. Currently, Mr. Adams is the director of pharmacy at Malama Compounding Pharmacy in Kailua-Kona.

Mr. Adams' experience on the mainland and Hawaii Island will provide a diverse perspective to the Board. Having served on the Board from 2006 to 2012, Mr. Adams

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understands the commitment to commute to and from Hawaii Island to attend the Board's monthly meetings.

The Department believes that Mr. Adams' interest in serving on the Board, active participation in board meetings, and experience in the profession will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 27, 2020

To: Honorable Senator Roz Baker

Hawai'i State Senate

Fr: Cindy Evans

Big Island resident and former Hawai'i State Representative

Patrick Adams is a nominee for the Pharmacy Board, state of Hawai'i . Over the past 14 years I have known Mr. Adams in his role as law professor, pharmacist, advocate for legislation at the state level, and resident of Kamuela. He has consistently displayed his passion for affordable and accessible pharmacy services and he understands the challenges of delivering pharmacy services to a rural community.

I believe Mr. Adams is the right person for this board because his experience and background provide a breadth of knowledge that would be helpful in making good decisions. He Understands the commitment and will work diligently for the betterment of Hawai'i ;

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Adams for the Pharmacy Board. If you have any questions please call me at 808-345-5810.