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House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
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State Capitol, Conference Room 430**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 2324, RELATING TO STATE SERVICE FEES**

Chair Ohno 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 administration bill.

The purpose of this bill is to apply Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 92-28 to all fees collected by the DCCA.

HRS section 92-28(1) enumerates the HRS chapters that set fees, including those collected by the DCCA, that may be increased or decreased with the approval of the governor. Currently, this list fails to capture all the fees that the Department collects, and the list is cumbersome in itemizing the statutory chapters subject to the DCCA's authority to increase or decrease its fees. This bill will capture all existing and future DCCA fees and will avoid the need to amend section 92-28(1) whenever the Department's jurisdiction changes. In addition, it will help the Department better serve

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the State's residents by providing a uniform, fair, and timely mechanism for fee adjustments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and we respectfully ask the Committee to pass this administration bill.