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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2724
RELATING TO LEAD-BASED PAINT**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Hearing Date: 2/5/2020 Room Number: 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** This measure seeks to prohibit the use of lead-based paint on outdoor
3 structures, whether applied to new outdoor structures or already existing outdoor structures after
4 December 31, 2021.

5 The Department of Health shares your concern about lead exposure in Hawaii, particularly
6 childhood lead poisoning, and supports the proposed prohibition on the use of lead-based paint
7 on outdoor structures. This prohibition removes future sources of lead from the environment and
8 will have a similar public health impact as the ban on leaded gasoline implemented in 1985,
9 which resulted in steady population-wide decreases in blood lead levels. In addition, there are a
10 number of cases of the historical use of lead-based paint negatively impacting the people of
11 Hawaii, such as contamination from lead-based paint on old railway bridges resulting in the
12 temporary closure of two popular parks on the Hamakua Coast of Hawaii Island. The enactment
13 of this bill would prevent future problems like this and continue to minimize the amount of lead
14 contamination in the environment, thereby enhancing the public health of the people of Hawaii.

15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB2724 banning lead-based paint, which is an environmental toxin.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

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