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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

On the following measure:
**G.M. 550, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CORRINE MAUL DE SOTO, ND,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Corrine Maul De Soto, N.D., to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) as a licensed member.

Dr. De Soto has been an integral member of the naturopathic medicine community in Hawaii for nearly a decade. Despite this relatively brief period of time, she has created not only an effective practice on Hawaii island, but has also founded the Koa Community Health Foundation, a non-profit organization, which submits grant requests for various projects on Hawaii island, including SET Kona, a grant-funded effort to improve teen sexual health, and Perinatal Support, a grant-funded project to expand care for perinatal families. Dr. De Soto remains involved with multiple

organizations related to her profession, including: the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (Treasurer); the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (member); and the Pediatric Association of Naturopathic Physicians (member). Dr. De Soto also actively volunteers in her community, including as a member of the governing school board for Innovations Public Charter School.

Dr. De Soto has been serving on the Board as an interim appointment since last year and has already begun actively participating in important Board discussions on topics such as legislation and updating areas of the statutes and rules to address the changing world of the practice of naturopathic medicine. Dr. De Soto has expressed a strong desire to provide her knowledge and experience to the Board's discussions and to help address typical activities such as reviewing and granting licensure as well. Dr. De Soto is also one of two members who represent different islands, and she will be essential to understanding the practice of naturopathic medicine on Hawaii island, but generally in rural settings as well. Having a strong member such as her, who is already familiar with the Board's activities, will allow the Board to continue working hard to manage its duties for years to come. The Department thanks Dr. De Soto for her willingness to continue serving on the Board and happily supports her appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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