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## TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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## **TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 318.**

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 318, regarding the reappointment of Patrick Lee Adams, to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Adams' reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Adams is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed as a pharmacist in Hawaii since April 4, 2002, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

It is noteworthy that, prior to his initial appointment to the Board in May 2007,

Mr. Adams had taken time out of his busy schedule to attend Board meetings as a

member of the public so that he could become familiar with local and national issues

that the Board was currently addressing. He also volunteered to participate in task forces relating to the practice of pharmacy.

As a member of the Board, his participation during meeting discussions is very meaningful and he is always well prepared. On many occasions, the Board has called upon Mr. Adams to assess an issue, articulate the finer points, make recommendations, and even testify on behalf of the Board at the Legislature. We believe that Mr. Adams' continued service on the Board will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Adams to the Board of Pharmacy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.