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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. 507.**

### WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Ronald Boyer, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 507, regarding the appointment of Emerito C. Saniatan, to the Board of Public Accountancy ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Saniatan's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Mr. Saniatan and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Saniatan, I believe that he possesses the background and

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experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Saniatan is seeking to serve as a public member on the Board. He has 15 years of experience in the financial services industry and is a licensed insurance producer and securities broker. Mr. Saniatan is also a licensed real estate salesperson and mortgage solicitor. He is also a notary public.

As with many who volunteer their time to serve on a board or commission of this type, Mr. Saniatan is also active in his community as a member of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board. He wishes to expand his community service in an area where he can use his extensive financial services experience.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Saniatan will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Saniatan's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Saniatan's behalf.