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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

Please accept this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Elizabeth Kent to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. I had the privilege of first meeting Ms. Kent a number of years ago after a series of related appeals I was handling for the City and County of Honolulu was selected for placement into the Appellate Mediation Program. The mediation was successful in resolving the appeals, thereby eliminating the need for the appellate courts to hear the cases. This was due in large part to the diligence and hard work of Ms. Kent. Most importantly, Ms. Kent took the time to carefully select a mediator that was extremely knowledgeable in the area of law that the cases arose as well as well-respected by the parties' respective representatives.

Her intelligence, pleasant demeanor and work ethic will also serve her well as a member of the Commission. I strongly support her nomination and respectfully ask that this Committee confirm her as a member of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very Truly Yours,

Paul K. W. Au

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010
9:30 A.M. ROOM 016

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 220
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, ELIZABETH KENT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

Chairperson Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Elizabeth Kent to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. I'm the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, but offer this testimony in my personal capacity.

I've known Ms. Kent for five years both in her professional role as the Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and as a friend. She is hardworking, capable and dedicated in her service to the state. Her facilitation and training skills are valuable assets, which are called upon regularly in her job. She has a strong legal background as a litigator, working in the courts, and as a lecturer in Business Law. This is complemented by extensive practical experience administering programs as the Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services and as the Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. I appreciate her steadfast belief in always striving for improvement in all aspects and her commitment to moving those beliefs into action.

The combination of Ms. Kent's qualities, skills and experience make her an excellent uniform law commissioner. It is for all of these reasons that I ask this committee to affirm the nomination of Ms. Kent. Thank you.

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Governor's Message 220

**Confirmation of ELIZABETH KENT to the
Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation**

**Presented to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government
Operations
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature, Regular Session of 2010**

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hiroshi Sakai, and I am a life member of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. Thank you for this **opportunity to submit this statement in strong support** of the confirmation of Elizabeth Kent to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation for a term to expire on June 30, 2014.

Elizabeth has been on the state commission since 1998. She has been a hard working, conscientious, and dedicated member during that entire time. Her work in the field of alternative dispute resolution, the resolution of litigation without exhausting all of the judicial process and related matters adds to the Commission's diverse input of members relating to a very diverse subject matters in accomplishing the goals of both the state commission as well as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. She has been a strong contributor on matters relating collaborative law. This has been demonstrated through her participation in drafting committees, interaction with commissioners from other states and members of the local bar, as well as the Commission's legislative efforts during the period of her membership in the Commission. She has contributed and served on the Commission and therefore support her confirmation by your Committee.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit this statement.

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