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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 9:15 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 671.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 671, regarding the reappointment of Mark A. Baird, D.D.S. to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Baird's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Baird has served on the Board since July 2007 and is being reappointed as a dental member. He has been licensed since September 1979, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

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Dr. Baird is a valuable member and has attended 20 of 22 meetings. He prepares for the meetings and participates in discussions. In addition, by sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a dentist, and his ability to "cut to the chase", Dr. Baird contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions.

The Department believes that Dr. Baird's interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the profession and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Mark A. Baird, D.D.S. to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.