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TO:

Chair Robert Herkes, Vice Chair Ryan Yamane

Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

FROM:

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii

Barbara Polk, Legislative Chair

RE:

SUPPORT FOR HB 110 RELATING TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii supports this bill because it would provide important information to the public on which to base decisions as to which licensed professional to contract with—information that is not otherwise readily available. We need to know if our plumber, optician, veterinarian, etc. has passed the relevant examinations, has the experience we require, and, in the case of contractor, is bonded. In addition, since the state provides licenses, we need to know on what basis the state has decided a person is qualified.

We urge your support for HB 110.