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BEHAVIOR ANALYST PROGRAM

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2670, RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Constance Cabral, Executive Officer of the Behavior Analyst Program within the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in **support** of this Senate Bill No. 2670.

On February 3, 2015, this measure was heard by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, and was passed unamended.

Act 199, SLH 2015, appropriated \$40,000 to assist with the implementation of the

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program. This measure reduces the surcharge for behavior analyst licensing from \$100 to \$50 to ease the financial burden of behavior analyst licensing. For the Committee's information, while the surcharge amount is reduced, behavior analyst licensees (at initial licensure and at renewals), will still be responsible for paying the special assessment fee until \$40,000 is reimbursed into the Compliance Resolution Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill No. 2670.