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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health The Senate State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2815 Relating to Professionally Licensed or Certified Government Employees

The City and County of Honolulu ("City"), Department of Human Resources ("DHR"), supports SB 2815, and requests a further statutory amendment, clarifying that professional employees of the City, when exercising professional judgment, are likewise deemed to be exercising governmental discretion as employees of the City. DHR believes the same privileges and immunities should be extended to professionallylicensed employees of the City, so that the City is not disadvantaged in attracting and hiring employees who are specially-licensed or certified to perform services that are essential to good government.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Carolee C. Kubo Director