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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 610, RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Licensing Administrator of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL). The Department supports the intent of and offers comments on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) prohibit a public member of any board or commission under the Department's purview from being engaged in the occupation that the board or commission regulates or having other direct legal or financial interests in the regulated occupation; and (2) specify that public members represent the public interest.

The Department supports the intent of this bill to prohibit a public member of any board or commission administratively attached to it from being engaged in the occupation that the board regulates or to have a direct financial interest in the occupation that the board or commission regulates. The Department notes, however, that the language on page 3, lines 12 through 15, is overly broad and could

unintentionally restrict well-qualified individuals from serving on a board or commission. For example, this exclusion would preclude financial planners who may have physicians as clients from serving on the Hawaii Medical Board as a public member. The Department urges the Committee to consider clarifying this subsection so that it is narrowly tailored to address the Legislature's specific concerns raised in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-610

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lila Mower	Testifying for Hui `Oia`i`o, Condo Owners Coalition of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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