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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
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Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 592, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEFFREY STERN, PH.D.,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Jeffrey Stern, Ph.D., to the Board of Psychology (Board) as a licensed member.

Dr. Stern has been an integral member of the psychology community in Hawaii for over twenty years. He completed his doctorate at the University of Hawaii in 2003, and his postdoctoral training working with children suffering from neurodevelopmental disabilities including autism. Since being licensed in 2004, Dr. Stern has continued his clinical work with an emphasis on children's mental health both working in his private practice and in schools such as 'Iolani School. He has also been highly active in the education and training of future Hawaii psychologists through his time spent mentoring

students on basic principles of research at 'Iolani School, and within multiple doctoral level training programs, including his current roles as Assistant Professor at Chaminade University and Lecturer at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Stern has long been active with the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA), having held several leadership roles within the organization. He has also been active in the Hawaii Keiki Caucus, assisting it with legislative matters. While Dr. Stern's expertise is in clinical practice, he also has a good understanding of policy making.

Dr. Stern has been serving on the Board as an interim appointment since the end of last year, and has already begun actively participating in important Board discussions such as legislation and updating areas of the statutes and rules to address the changing world of the practice of psychology. Dr. Stern has expressed a strong desire to provide his knowledge and experience to these discussions and to help the Board address its regular activities such as reviewing and granting licensure as well. Dr. Stern's role on the Board comes at a time when several of the current serving members will be transitioning out of their second and final terms. Having a strong member such as he, already familiar with the Board's activities, will allow the Board to manage future member changes without much disruption in its duties. The Department thanks Dr. Stern for his willingness to continue serving on the Board and happily supports his appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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