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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 2172, RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Chair McKelvey 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. The Department appreciates the intent and offers comments on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) establish the priority of who may assume the authority and duties of a chairperson of a board or commission in the chairperson's and all co-chairperson's absence at a hearing or meeting of a board or commission; and (2) prohibit staff members from assuming the authority and duties of the chairperson of a board or commission.

The Department appreciates the intent of this measure; however, notes that the boards, commissions, and committees administratively attached to the Division generally follow the Robert's Rules of Order, which is the foremost guide on parliamentary procedures. The Robert's Rules of Order recommends that in the

absence of the presiding officer/chairperson, the vice chairperson is next. If neither are present, a member of the board calls the meeting to order and conducts an election for chairperson pro tem. Boards generally elect the person who has the experience to preside over a meeting efficiently and productively. The chairperson pro tem is not always the most tenured member on a board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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**Senate Committee on Government Operations
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:00 P.M.**

Testimony by:

Yvonne Lau, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents

S.B. No. 2172 – RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

These comments on S.B. No. 2172 are offered in my capacity as the Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i (Board) has not yet had the opportunity to discuss this measure. Discussion is expected to occur at the Board's next meeting on February 16, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on S.B. No. 2172.