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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 663 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Ed Chevy, for a term to expire June 30, 2015

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Ed Chevy to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Chevy's nomination is a reappointment. He currently serves as an active member of our Standing Committee on Communication Access.

Mr. Chevy is being appointed in the capacity of a consumer, representing individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. He has been a very active member of the deaf community for years as a part of the Hawaii Services on Deafness, the Aloha State Association of the Deaf, and a deaf musical troupe. Mr. Chevy is a user of American Sign Language and has contributed to our Board's responsibility to credential and test sign language interpreters under state law. He is currently assisting the Board develop a series of American Sign Language videos on the Americans with Disabilities Act for deaf and hard of hearing persons on their rights using sign language interpreters.

We believe that Mr. Chevy will continue to be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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