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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT FLEMING, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Governor's Message 7 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and
Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Fleming for a Term to Expire
June 30, 2019

This testimony is in support of Mr. Scott Fleming to a position on the Disability and
Communication Access Board (DCAB).

DCAB is a seventeen-member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their
families, or caregivers. The Board members are representatives of all Counties of the State
of Hawaii. Mr. Fleming is a practicing architect and the principal architect of Fleming &
Associates in the County of Hawaii. He will be our second representative from the Big
Island, replacing our design representative.

Mr. Fleming has already been a part of the Board and will be participating as a member on
our Standing Committee on Facility Access.

Mr. Fleming is an experienced architect who has been involved in a variety of design
projects with government entities that have required knowledge of the Americans with
Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

We ask that the Senate confirm Mr. Scott Fleming to a position in the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Ms. Baker,

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Scott Fleming, of Fleming & Associates, since 2005, when he first became involved with the planning and design of our facilities at The Arc of Hilo, in Hilo, HI. We are a non-profit organization, established in 1954, which serves disabled members of our community.

I have found Mr. Fleming to be knowledgeable, have great organizational skills, a strong work ethic and an eye for detail. Over the course of the last 12 years, he has been our lead Architect & Construction/Facilities Advisor on several projects, including an ADA compliant, 4500 sq. ft., multi-purpose building, parking lot, and adjacent park. Currently, Fleming & Associates have been employed to retrofit our existing kitchen into a commercial facility, giving us the ability to better serve our clients and expand programs.

Being a highly respected, skilled architect, he continuously thinks beyond the scope of the project at hand and easily grasps 'big picture' goals. His thorough approach and responsiveness to issues makes him a valued team player. Mr. Fleming has given us many solid recommendations based on his experience and logic. His projects are always inspired and creative, not only meeting the program and budget, but creating a sense of place and belonging. As past CFO and current CEO and President, I feel confident calling on Scott for support or advice, knowing that he is dedicated to excellent achievement in ADA standards and compliance, combined with the generosity of time and heart.

I strongly endorse Mr. Fleming without any reservations and encourage you to share this opportunity with him to serve on the Disabilities and Communication Access Board.

Sincerely,

Debbie Perkins
CEO & President
The Arc of Hilo

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

My father received injuries when he was serving in the Marines which resulted in significant mobility issues. As a child I was witness to how difficult it was for him to negotiate his way in the built environment, while also appreciating how simple design changes could have better accommodated his needs.

Everyone should use their skills and career experience to make their communities better.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

To ensure that folks with disability and communication challenges are represented and that their unique needs are considered fairly, especially as the application and interpretation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is concerned.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

By ensuring that the ADA is fairly implemented and interpreted and that projects funded with tax payer money are ADA compliant.

- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have been a licensed Architect for over 20 years and have held licenses in Arizona, California and Hawaii. During that time much of my project experience has been for public sector clients whom are obligated to comply with the requirements of the ADA. While living in California our firm provided third-party access compliance reviews to the Division of the State Architect for K-12 and higher education projects state-wide.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to make my contribution by being a fair, reasonable and experienced professional in evaluating Interpretive Opinions regarding ADA access compliance that benefits the consumer,

public departments and those responsible for implementing the ADA through their design efforts.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Fair: I tend to approach the decision making process by looking at all sides of view and finding an equitable common ground.

Reasonable: The world is not black and white, so it's important to have people that can see the gray areas and pull the best from it.

Experienced: I have been implementing the requirements of the ADA in projects for over twenty years so I can understand the limitations and opportunities for successful compliance.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I was on the Board of Trustees for the Hilo Yacht Club for two years so I am familiar with the process to create, review, interpret and implement policy.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

None, but if there was a conflict of interest I would have to recuse myself from the discussion.