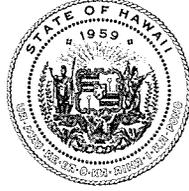


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Re: Bill 78 (2012) – Relating to Palmistry

Dear Councilmember Fukunaga:

This is in response to your letter dated February 4, 2013 regarding Bill 78 (2013), Relating to Palmistry. I appreciate your reaching out to the department on this matter. From our review of the proposed repeal of Chapter 41, Article 9, relating to Palmistry, there would be no impact to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA”).

The DCCA Office of Consumer Protection (“OCP”) does not have a record of complaints related to the practice of palm reading, or palmistry. Note that this is not a specific category tracked by OCP, however, there are no complaints that would necessarily fall into other categories tracked by OCP that could be characterized as or related to palmistry. The department does not license or regulate this industry nor are individuals engaged in palm reading or palmistry covered within any of the current licensing programs within the DCCA. The matter related to public health and/or safety issues possibly arising from the repeal of Chapter 41, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu are best addressed with the Department of Health and the Honolulu Police Chief respectively. Because the department does not have experience with this industry or similar industries, we cannot effectively take a position on the public health and/or safety issues in this regard.

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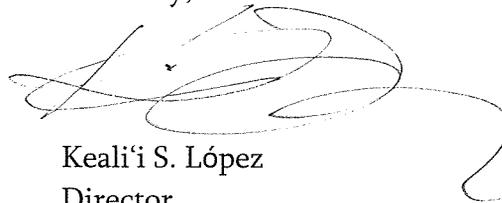
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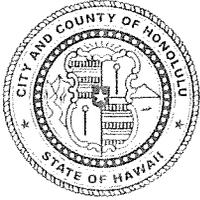
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Should you have additional questions or concerns in advance of the PSEC Committee meeting, please feel free to follow up with Deputy Director Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi or myself.

Sincerely,

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Keali'i S. López
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Mrs. Keali'i Lopez, Director
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Re: Bill 78 (2012) – Relating to Palmistry

Dear Director Lopez,

I am writing in reference to Bill 78 (2012), Relating to Palmistry, which was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development (PSED). The bill seeks to repeal Chapter 41, Article 9, relating to Palmistry.

Please advise me on whether whether your department has received any complaints about the practice of reading palms, or palmistry. Would palm readers be viewed as a new industry for regulation or licensing, or would such individuals be included under an industry that is already regulated by DCCA? Does your department envision any public health and/or safety issues that might arise if Chapter 41, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu is repealed?

I would appreciate a response by Thursday, February 7, 2013, or as soon as practicable, since the PSED Committee plans to hear this measure during the February 12, 2013 committee meeting.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Please contact my Senior Legislative Aide Lori Kunioka at 768-5072 or lkunioka@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development

Enclosure