

**Testimony of the Board of Veterinary Medicine**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 21, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 687, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AILEEN WADA  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Wada's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Wada was appointed to the Board as an interim member on August 19, 2020, and is filling one of the two required public Board member positions. She has attended 26 out of 27 meetings since her appointment.

Ms. Wada is active in local neighborhood associations of apartment owners and professional realtor organizations. Ms. Wada has been a member of the Real Estate Commission (Commission). She served on the Commission as a real estate broker member from the County of Honolulu from 2011-2019. She served as the vice chairperson of the Commission's Education Review Committee.

Ms. Wada's commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the community make her invaluable to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Ms. Wada's appointment.



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Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** GM687, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, AILEEN WADA, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Mrs. Aileen Wada's extensive professional experience and unwavering commitment to public service make her an exceptional nominee for this position. As one of the two public members of the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine since 2019, Mrs. Wada has demonstrated remarkable leadership and dedication to the veterinary community. Her proven skills in business management and community service have been, and will continue to be, invaluable to the Board.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of GM687. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at [legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org).

**GM-687**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Kaya	Individual	Support	In Person

## Comments:

My name is Karen Kaya. I have known Aileen since 2020, serving with her on the AOA of Tropic Gardens' Board of Directors. As a CPA for 29 years, I consider Aileen one of the most unique business professionals in the community. She consistently demonstrates the utmost integrity and impartiality as the President of the AOA Tropic Gardens' Board of Directors, and a compassionate parent of several dogs over many years. She has always shown nothing but benevolence when it comes to the well-being of the animals and their families who live at Tropic Gardens. As a parent of three dogs over the past 19 years, I would find comfort knowing someone of Aileen's credentials as a real estate professional along with her experience in serving the Tropic Gardens community is a member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Thank you,

Karen Kaya