

**Testimony of the Board of Public Accountancy**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Thursday, April 10, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 747, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ZACHARY JOHNSON,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hector West, and I am the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Executive Officer of the Board of Public Accountancy (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Zachary Johnson's to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Johnson has served on the board as an industry member since 2022 and has attended 17 of 18 meetings since his appointment. Mr. Johnson has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Hawaii since July, 30, 2021 and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Johnson has over eight years of accounting experience. He is currently the Chief Financial Officer for Ko'olauloa Health Center where he also served as staff accountant between 2017 to 2019. He was also Staff Accountant for BD & Associates, CPAs, PLLC. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and in Business Management. It is this background in the accountancy profession that makes him a valuable contributor to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**LATE**

Hi Julia,

I'm honored to write to recommend Zachary Johnson for appointment to the State Board of Public Accountancy and strongly feel that he will continue to be an asset to the work and the mission of the board.

Aloha,

John Vaz MD MSHA

**LATE**

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend **Dr. Gabrielle Asay** for a position on the **Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine**. I am a Hawaii-licensed veterinarian who has worked in public practice in several areas including veterinary extension, laboratory animal medicine, and veterinary pathology. As you know, I have also served on and chaired the Board of Veterinary Medicine from 2012-2019. I am also the immediate past president of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association. I have worked with Dr. Asay since 2019 primarily in areas relating to food animal practice. She is committed to improving the access to veterinary care for Hawaii's livestock producers and provides valuable services to the livestock industry. She also has experience working with nearly all species of domestic animals and through her current position, has extensive ties to veterinarians in the community on all islands.

Dr. Asay will be able to bring the perspective of a food animal veterinarian to the licensing board as they deliberate matters relating to professionalism and licensure. This is critically important since the nuances of certain issues that have an outsized effect on food animal practitioners may be missed by veterinarians primarily working with companion animals. Dr. Asay is a highly ethical person, a great communicator, and is dedicated to maintaining the professional standards of Hawaii veterinarians. She is amongst the hardest working people I know, and her passion for the field is powerful. Dr. Asay is a team player who enjoys helping others achieve their goals. She is well-respected in the profession, and for these reasons, I hope you will select Dr. Asay as she will make a wonderful addition to the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Respectfully,  
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