



GOV. MSG. NO. 190

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **NURSING, State Board of:**

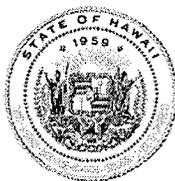
Cecilia P.S. Mukai PhD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Thursday, February 25, 2010
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 190.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kathy Yokouchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 190, regarding the **reappointment** of Cecilia Mukai, Ph.D., MSN, APRN to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Mukai's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Mukai is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed as an APRN since September 3, 1999, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She has served on the Board since July 1, 2007, and her extensive nursing educational and administrative experiences have enabled her to understand the purpose of the Board and her role as a licensee member. Dr. Mukai

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possesses the ability to focus on the issues and actively participate in discussions. Her desire to continue to serve as a licensee member is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Mukai to the Board of Nursing and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2010 6:55 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: pb2835@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for GM190 on 2/25/2010 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/20/2010

Comments:

I support the appointment of Cecelia Mukai. I have served with her on the board of a local non-profit for several years now and find her intelligent, compassionate, practical and personable.

Paul E. Booth, Esquire

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 5:52 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: komenaka@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for GM190 on 2/25/2010 9:00:00 AM

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Comments:
Dr. Mukai is dedicated to strengthening the profession.

baker5 - Leo

From: June Kunimoto [jun.kun@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 4:44 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Re-appointment of Cecelia P.S. Mukai for the State Board of Nursing term to expire on June 30, 2013

I support the re-appointment of Cecelia P.S. Mukai to the State Board of Nursing. Ms. Mukai is an excellent representative of Nursing from the island of Hawaii. Hearing is set for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection on Thursday February 25, 2010 at 9:00 am
June Kunimoto

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted on: 2/23/2010

Comments:

I stongly support the appointment of Cecilia Mukai to the State Board of Nursing term to expire June 30, 2013. I have been impressed with her knowledge of nursing and have worked collaboratively with her in various nursing activities. She is an excellent representative for Nursing from the Big Island

Cecilia Mukai, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC
Statements in Support of Re-nomination to State Board of Nursing (BON)
February 12, 2010

1. Why do you want to continue being a member of this board?

I want to continue being a member of this board in continuing to contribute my expertise as a long-time nursing faculty member, a nationally certified practicing nurse practitioner, and a Big Island resident. I believe my perspectives and input have contributed to a more comprehensive understanding of the issues that the Board of Nursing faces, thereby, helping the BON to conduct its duties with better insights.

2. What is your perception of your role/responsibilities as a member of this board?

As a member of this board, I believe my ultimate role is to assure that nursing care is conducted in adherence to State laws. My chief responsibility is to oversee nursing practice for safe delivery of care to the people of Hawaii. I am also available to the BON Director, Ms. Kathy Yokouchi, to consult on issue that I am particularly knowledgeable about, particularly with nursing education. I expect to be continue to be an active contributing member of the BON, with timely response to requested input and effective participation at BON meetings.

I am on both the Education Sub-committee and the Practice Sub-committee of the BON and was selected to be on the National State Boards of Nursing (NSCBN) NCLEX-RN Item Writing Review Sub-Committee (2009-2011).

3. Based on your experience, what are the major issues/concerns facing this board? What are your recommendations on how these issues should be addressed?

The most critical issues that the BON is facing right now is finalizing changes to state law governing nursing practice that maintains nursing autonomy with safe practice (i.e. SB 2163). Specific rules related to delegation and use of unlicensed assistive personnel are at the forefront of critical issues, especially in light of the economic and workforce trends and needs for reducing costs. I believe there needs to be a fair, yet, responsible solution that ensures that we don't reduce costs that would reduce quality of care and jeopardize consumer safety.

Brief statement of your skills, expertise, and/or knowledge which would assist/strengthen your decision-making ability as a member of this board.

As an educator, I am always encouraging my students to think critically about concepts, to debate issues with an open-mind to reasonable alternatives and not to be afraid of new challenges. I believe these approaches help in decision-making by exploring multiple options to help make wiser decisions. I also believe that the attitude of being open-minded helps with negotiating decisions that are acceptable to the group and not personal desires.

In addition, please provide us with appropriate verification of your qualifications.

Verification of my qualifications are already on file and confirmed with Cathy Yasuda, Researcher with the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection