



GOV. MSG. NO. 195

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 **VETERINARY EXAMINERS, Board of:**

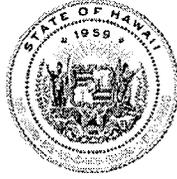
Elwood Ichiro Kita

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE



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JAMES R. AIONA, JR.
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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. 195.

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 195 regarding the **reappointment** of Elwood Ichiro Kita to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Kita's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Kita is being reappointed to the Board as a public member.

Since his appointment, Mr. Kita has been a reliable member who regularly attends the Board's meetings. As a resident of the Big Island, Mr. Kita volunteers to take a significant amount of time out of his busy schedule to travel to attend Board meetings in Honolulu, which is one of the ways that he has shown his commitment to

the Board and its program of work. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrates that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas.

We believe that Mr. Kita's interest in serving on the Board and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Elwood Ichiro Kita to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

William P. Kenoi
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February 22, 2010

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Conference Room 229
Hawaii State Capitol
415 Beretania Street

Subject: **GM 195**
Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Board of Veterinary Examiners

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for Mr. Elwood I. Kita, who has been nominated by Governor Linda Lingle to serve on the Board of Veterinary Examiners for a term to expire 6-3-2014.

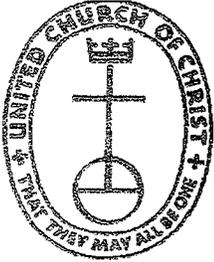
Mr. Kita has assisted the Hawaii County Office of Aging since January of 2008 in development and management of the State's first Aging and Disability Resource Center. His extensive background, outstanding managerial and facilitative skills have played a major role in the success of the project.

Mr. Kita is also a very dependable and trustworthy individual and has a history of service to the community at both the county and state levels. He continues to be sincere in his convictions, tireless in the pursuit of his goals, and truly committed to the people of this state.

Sincerely,

Alan Parker
Executive on Aging





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Thomas W. Olcott, Senior Pastor

February 22, 2010

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chairperson
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Senate

FAX: 808-586-6071

Dear Senator Baker:

I wish to endorse your Committee's endorsement and approval of Mr. Elwood Kita to continue serving on the Board of Veterinary Examiners. I have known and worked closely with him for over five years.

Mr. Kita ("Woody") is a person of dedicated and committed service with a deep care for our Hawai'ian community. He has served our church as a member of several boards and has always had a sense of responsibility and willingness to engage in the challenges of any position he takes on. He served as our Church Moderator (President of the Congregation). He serves on the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ governing board and chairs the committee responsible for scholarship and stewardship education and development.

"Woody's" career values and skill in social service have not diminished in his retirement as he took on a second career working with Senior Citizens in the areas of community planning and development for the delivery of services meeting their critical needs.

You and your Committee can be assured he will continue to make a valuable contribution to the Board of Veterinary Examiners drawing on his sense of professionalism. He has the openness and ability to view all sides on an issue. He can lead and/or collaborate as he engenders a positive sense of purpose and accountability. He also has the unique ability to put others at ease with respectful, gentle, and kindly humor.

Senator Baker, it is my pleasure as Mr. Kita's Pastor and friend to recommend him for this vital role in community service.

With warm Aloha,

Thomas W. Olcott, Senior Pastor

Hawaii Island Rural Health Association
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February 22, 2010

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chairperson, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: Elwood I. Kita, Letter of recommendation to the
Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Dear Senator Baker;

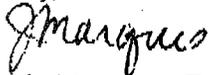
My name is Jessanie Marques, President of Hawaii Island Rural Health Association, a pro active community advocate, and kupuna. I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Elwood I. Kita's reappointment to the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Over the past 15 years I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Kita in various volunteer and leadership capacity, and believe he possess outstanding knowledge, skills, abilities and experience necessary in serving as a Board member.

Mr. Kita's continued appointment is not only an asset to the State of Hawaii, but an excellent community representative. Mr. Kita (aka as "Woody"), is known by friends, colleagues and community for his honesty, integrity, compassion and volunteerism. It is on this basis that I strongly support Mr. Kita's reappointment to the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Thank you for providing me this opportunity to share my mana'o and comments in support of Elwood I. Kita. Should more information be needed, please feel free to contact me at 928-0101.

Sincerely,



Jessanie Marques, President
Hawaii Island Rural Health Association

cc/ek

Judith S. Mikami
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February 22, 2010

Senator Roslyn Baker
Chairperson
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Legislature

Via Fax: (808) 586-6071

Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for Elwood "Woody" Kita who will be going through the confirmation process for an appointment to the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

I have worked with Woody on the Hawaii State Rural Health Association Board of Directors for the past six years, and I know he has always had the interest of his community at heart in whatever capacity he represented the island of Hawaii. As a former social worker for the State of Hawaii, I know that he worked to have those receiving services from the Developmental Disabilities Program benefit as much as possible from resources available and appropriate for them.

There was no retirement for Woody, for he was soon back to work to help establish the Executive Office of Aging's Adult Resource Center which opened over a year ago and has seen much success for those accessing services and information for elder care and long term care services.

Woody served as treasurer of HSRHA and will serve another three-year term. Again, he has helped HSRHA grow and thrive and has been a consistent leader in the organization.

I believe that Woody will continue to be a viable and contributing member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners and would like to support his appointment to this board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Judy Mikami, Immediate Past President
Hawaii State Rural Health Association

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 11:43 PM
To: CPN Testimony
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Subject: Testimony for GM195 on 2/25/2010 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for CPN 2/25/2010 9:00:00 AM GM195

Conference room: 229
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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/22/2010

Comments:

I have known Elwood Kita for over 30 years both as a colleague and as board members of non-profit organizations. I highly support his appointment to the Board of Veterinary Examiners term to expire June 30, 2014. He is conscientious, thorough, dedicated and assures that whatever he works on is done well.

Elwood I. Kita
Board of Veterinary Examiners
February 18, 2010

Why do I want to continue being a member of this Board?

As one of the two non-Veterinarian, community board members, much of the first term was education and orientation to Veterinary practice and the role of the Board. Through interaction with other members, reading and discussions, I learned about this field of medicine and gained great respect for the professionals in this field. Administrative Rule updates were re-started by the Board with updates reflective of changes since the previous draft. I would like to be able to continue with the Board moving toward completing this task.

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

Board members receive and makes decisions on requests for veterinary testing and licensing status, receive community complaints on veterinary practice and recommend disposition, draft rules governing the practice of Veterinary Medicine, review and make recommendation on changes in HRS governing Veterinary Medicine to be reflective of current best practice.

Based on your experience, what are the major issues concerns facing this Board?

Presently the procedures for Administrative Rules changes present a challenge to keep rules current and reflective of current best practice. Veterinary Medicine also lacks a resource available to other professions: related professionals or paraprofessionals to delegate certain duties (e.g. RN, LPN, COTA, PTA, Dental Hygienist, etc). These resources are certified or licensed which sets practice requirements and educational/training for public assurance and accountability.

What are your recommendations on how these issues should be addressed?

Consider providing Boards greater latitude in moving forward in rules development and approval. More current, minimally flawed rules is a better alternative to flawed and outdated rules. There is a maze of issues and concerns about creating new professional or vocational licenses. Many are unaware Veterinary Medicine practitioners are becoming a scarce resource in the community playing important roles for pets and livestock. Their effectiveness can be extended through creation of related vocations such as a Veterinary Technician and at the same time provide accountability to consumers.

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

As a Hawaii licensed social worker, I have an awareness of the need for accountability and best practice in professions. My experience has provided a range of experiences: community based settings and in hospital and clinic settings; public and private sector; the full spectrum of ages (pre-natal to geriatrics) and challenges (physical, mental health, developmental, aging). I can represent a rural perspective on needs and issues having been involved with rural health issues for over 30 years covering the entire island of Hawaii for work and involvement in three rural health associations (Hawaii Island RHA, Kau RH Community Assn, and Hawaii State Rural Health Association).

In addition, please provide appropriate verification of your qualifications.

Attached LSW card.