

GM529

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES PLEISS, for a term to expire 6-30-2015. (Term amended to 6-30-2014 by GM575)

Report Title: State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 529

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Keali'i Lopez, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 529, regarding the appointment of James Pleiss to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Pleiss' appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

The Department has been in contact with Dr. Pleiss regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on our discussion, I believe that he possesses the

qualifications, background, and experiences to serve on the Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Dr. Pleiss has been a licensed chiropractor in the State of Hawaii since 1983 after receiving the Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minnesota. He resumed private practice in November 2000 after spending 4-1/2 years as the staff chiropractor at Maui Occupational Health Center, a multidisciplinary medical facility located in Kahului, Maui. In addition, Dr. Pleiss was appointed to the medical staff of Hale Makua, an extended care facility in Kahului in October 2000.

Dr. Pleiss is an active member of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, having served in numerous leadership positions including Assistant Vice President, Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the Board of Directors, and was awarded the prestigious "Chiropractor of the Year" award in 1994. He is currently serving as the Immediate Past President for the Association.

In addition, Dr. Pleiss is a member of the American Chiropractic Association and the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists. He is a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist, one of only 6 to 8 practitioners in the State of Hawaii. Dr. Pleiss also has been serving as an independent chiropractic examiner since 1985.

Dr. Pleiss' community involvement outside of his profession include being a board member of Maui United Way, Chair of Community Service and board member of the Rotary Club of Maui Upcountry, and a Red Cross Volunteer Instructor in the organization's "Protect Your Back" program. He also speaks to numerous hotels, businesses, civic groups, government agencies, and the public on topics ranging from

issues involving the chiropractic profession to back injuries and prevention, safety, and ergonomic assessment.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Pleiss will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Pleiss' appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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March 18, 2011

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
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RE: Dr. James A. Pleiss, DC, DABCO
GM 529

Dr. Senator Baker:

The following is a letter of reference for Dr. James A. Pleiss, DC, DABCO .

I have known Dr. Pleiss as a Chiropractic colleague and friend for over 20 years. I am providing you with this letter of reference, without hesitation. Dr. Pleiss has been a well chiropractor who has served as an officer of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association , numerous times as the president. He is also well respected by the medical community on Maui. He has been intimately involved in our local Chiropractic society.

Dr. Pleiss would be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I would strongly encourage you to consider him for this position.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this reference.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Wilcox, D.C., C.C.S.P.
Member, Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic



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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

From: Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., D.C., F.I.C.C., District VII Governor,
American Chiropractic Association

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Conference Room 229

Subject: **Support of GM 528, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT KLEIN**

My name is Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., and I am a Doctor of Chiropractic in Hawaii, practicing here for the past 33 years. I currently hold the elected office as the District 7 Governor on the Board of Governors of the American Chiropractic Association, (ACA). I represent the local Hawaii Doctors of Chiropractic and also represent all the Doctors of Chiropractic in California, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa and the Mariana Islands. The American Chiropractic Association is the largest Chiropractic professional representative organization in the world. I write this letter of strong **support** for your consideration and confirmation of **Dr. Robert E. Klein, D.C. (GM 528) to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners**. We believe that Governor Abercrombie has nominated an excellent appointee to sit on this important professional licensing board.

Practicing in Hawaii for over 3 decades, I have known and worked with Dr. Klein for most of that time. Dr. Robert E. Klein is the current Delegate representing Hawaii to the American Chiropractic Association. Dr. Klein has served for many years as my Alternate Delegate to the ACA, when I was the Hawaii Delegate. Additionally, Dr. Klein currently serves as the East Hawaii Island Director to the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association.

I have had the privilege of serving with Dr. Klein addressing both national and local health care issues in his dual leadership roles. Additionally, Dr. Klein has served in the past as Chair of the HI State Board of Chiropractic Examiners during his tenure on this board from 2000 to 2004. With his intelligence, impeccable ethical character, and previous Board of Examiner experience, I believe that Dr. Robert E. Klein is an outstanding choice for this appointment.

I am proud to support Governors Abercrombie's appointment of Dr. Robert E. Klein to the HI State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Please confirm his appointment, as he will be a great asset to the State of Hawaii, his profession and for the good of the public health.

Brewer Consulting Services

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

My name is Dr. Francis Brewer, I am a chiropractic physician and have been actively practicing in Hawaii since 1993. Currently I am the chair of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Please accept this letter of support for Dr. James Pleiss for the appointment to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have known Dr. Pleiss for the last fifteen years and have had the pleasure to interact with Dr. Pleiss on a professional basis, at times when I have had the opportunity to evaluate some of his patients, through the Independent Medical Evaluation process. I have always found Dr. Pleiss to be a thoughtful and considerate clinician. He has an excellent skill set which I believe will serve him well as a board member.

Dr. Pleiss has always been considerate and respectful, he listens well and is able to articulate his position in an understanding and respectful manner. Although Dr. Pleiss and I have not always agreed professionally, I have the utmost respect for his opinions and his ability to weigh through difficult situations. His clinical experience and ability to consider, thoughtfully, those challenges that face him, in my opinion would make him an invaluable asset to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

In consideration of the above, I strongly support Dr. Pleiss' nomination to the board.

Sincerely,

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

I am writing in support of Dr. James Pleiss for appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I consider Dr. Pleiss to be one of the best clinicians in the State. Besides his private practice, Dr. Pleiss has taken time on many occasions to teach relevant topics on clinical practice to the doctors of this State. He continues to work with many medical physicians, helping to develop interprofessional relationships that allow the people of this State to be better served as well as build bridges between our two professions to work in mutual collaboration for better patient care.

Dr. Pleiss has served the chiropractic profession unselfishly through the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, serving as a past president. He has worked on many committees and continues to do so.

Myself, as a member of the State's RICO Chiropractic Advisory Panel for over ten years, I work with the Board of Chiropractic Examiners on cases that effect the public's safety and welfare. I am confident that I could work with Dr. Pleiss on any case presented for our review.

It is for these reasons, as well as my personal friendship, that I highly recommend Dr. Pleiss for the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Sincerely,

Randy R. Collins, D.C., D.A.B.C.O.

Testimony for CPN 3/30/2011 9:00:00 AM GM529

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Comments:

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I recommend Dr. James Pleiss is selected to be the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Pleiss served the HSCA - Hawaii State Chiropractic Association for many years as President of the Association. Dr. Pleiss is a true leader in the profession, and he knows the history of chiropractic in the State of Hawaii. He is still representing the HSCA as Past President, and is continually used as a source of information.

I have known Dr. Pleiss since 2002 when I was still a student at Northwestern Health Sciences University; Dr. Pleiss mentored me while I was a student and he was always encouraging to have another chiropractor in Hawaii.

Please select Dr. Pleiss to be the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He is a very pleasant man, and he has a wealth of knowledge.

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March 17, 2011

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee, Chair
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RE: Confirmation to Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Hearing, March 30, 2011, 9:00AM

Dear Senator Baker,

Thank you for allowing me to testify on my behalf for the nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I feel I would be a good candidate for a position on the board because of my experience as a practicing chiropractor in Hawaii on Maui since 1983.

I have been very active in service to the chiropractic community in Hawaii with the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association (HSCA) and various other chiropractic and public entities. I have held just about every office there is for the HSCA and have been president on two occasions: 1993-94 and again in 2005-2007. As president, I worked with the board of examiners on many occasions. I have attended meetings and understand the role of the board.

My experience also includes a board position for the Maui United Way early on in my career and I have been a member of the Ethics Committee for Hale Makua on Maui since 1997, originally under the direction of Dr. Rod Bjordahl.

I understand the commitment it takes to take on this type of appointment and I am willing to offer my service again for the greater good of the chiropractic community and the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to become a member of the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James A. Pleiss, DC