

GM637

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:15 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 637.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima 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. 637, regarding the **reappointment** of Amy Stone Murai, APRN, to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Stone Murai's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Stone Murai is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed as a Hawaii Registered Nurse since July 18, 1989, and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse since October 1, 1999. Her licenses are current, active and in good standing.

She has served on the Board since July 1, 2008, as the APRN member and currently serves as a Co-Chair for the Board's Practice Committee. As a devoted Board member, Ms. Stone Murai has attended 30 out of 31 meetings. Her nursing and administrative experience have enabled her to obtain the knowledge and understanding to prepare her to be an effective Board member. In addition, Ms. Stone Murai often takes the initiative and conducts her own research on issues being addressed by the Board. This allows the Board to make educated decisions on major issues which affect the practice of nursing in this State. She is an invaluable member and we appreciate her unselfish desire to continue to serve as a licensee member on the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Stone Murai to the Board of Nursing and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Email Testimony for Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chairperson, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chairperson

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing on April 13, 2011, 9:15 a.m., Conference Room 229

April 12, 2011

Letter of Recommendation for Amy Stone-Murai

It is with extreme pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Amy Stone-Murai to be confirmed to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I have had the privilege and honor to work very closely with Mrs. Stone-Murai for the past eleven (11) years on the site-based management board for my high school, the Moanalua High School Community Council. She is a truly outstanding council member, a skilled and dedicated professional, and a very caring and compassionate person.

Amy Stone-Murai is best described as a beacon of wisdom and insight. She is extremely bright, intelligent, and hard working. She has a passion for all that she does. And everything she does - she does extremely well. She has a wealth of experiences that provide her a solid foundation to excel in any capacity and in any position. Her achievements and her successes can be attributed to being people centered – placing the best interests of others first, and her belief that excellence is the target and that it is achieved through careful planning, optimal levels of support, resources, and effective communication.

Amy Stone-Murai is a team player. She poses exceptional interpersonal skills and excellent communication skills. She is very organized, very responsible and reliable, and she has exceptional follow through on all work projects and assignments. She also has a wonderful sense of humor that touches everyone that she meets and works with.

Amy Stone-Murai is one of the most outstanding individuals that I have ever met. She will be an exceptional member of your board. She is deserving of your highest consideration. She has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Darrel M. Galera
Principal
Moanalua High School (July 2000 to Present)
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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

HEARING
Wednesday April 13, 2011 9:15am
Conference Room 229
GM637

CONFIRMATION OF AMY S. MURAI
HAWAII STATE BOARD OF NURSING

My name is Valisa Saunders, APRN, GNP. I am a geriatric nurse practitioner and former member and chair of the board of nursing, (1995-2001).

I am submitting testimony supporting the confirmation of nomination of Amy S. Murai as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) member of the HAWAII STATE BOARD OF NURSING. I have remained involved in regulatory matters since my tenure on the board and quite familiar with Ms. Murai's knowledge and analytical abilities related to regulatory matters for nursing in the state of Hawaii. I urge your approval of her confirmation to the board of nursing.

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
April 13, 2011, 9:15 a.m.

GM 637, RELATING TO REAPPOINTMENT OF AMY STONE MURAI
TO THE BOARD OF NURSING

To the honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 637, reappointment of Amy Stone Murai to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing ("BON") for a second term, to expire on 6-30-14.

I am an Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and worked with Amy for 17 years, from 1990 to 2007. During this time I observed her in a variety of nursing roles; as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, as a research coordinator and on an ambulatory team writing nursing policies and procedures. In these diverse roles Amy's focus was always patient-centered with a commitment to providing safe and high quality nursing care.

Amy's clinical expertise along with her knowledge of scope of practice and federal and state health related laws makes her an excellent member of the Board of Nursing. Amy's contributions during her first term have been invaluable as a member of the Practice Committee. She has been instrumental in amending the rules and regulations related to Nursing and it would be in the best interest of the public that she is reappointed.

I strongly encourage you to reappoint Amy Stone Murai to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing for a second term.

Sincerely,

Susan Amina, APRN
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**Lenora Lorenzo DNPc, APRN, FNP
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April 8, 2011

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Conference Room 229, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Wednesday, April 13, 2011; 9:15a.m.

Aloha O Ka Mai Pu'uwai (Aloha from the heart).

Respectfully submitted to our Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and members of the committee. I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity to speak in strong support for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY S. MURAI, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

I have had the privilege of knowing Nurse Practitioner Murai since the early 1980's as we served together in the Hawai'i Nurses Association and service in numerous initiatives to better nursing and the health care of our community. She has been a stellar model of integrity and accountability, always taking her responsibilities seriously and eager to hear all sides of the issues. I am amazed at her gift of detail and ability to decipher bylaws and policy with unsurpassed speed and comprehension. I have sought her opinion on numerous occasions and find her sincere loyalty to nursing and health care for our Hawai'i community. During all the years I have known Amy, I have found her to exceed the standards for competence, confidence, and professionalism. Her ability to manage patient responsibilities and willingness to assist others in service for our community sets a standard for all to emulate..

Amy is a remarkable person with unlimited potential as a professional in a career of service to others. She is a loyal, selfless team player who comfortably fits into any group as a leader and contributor. Finally, she is an organized professional whose personal character guarantees complete reliability for accomplishment of any task to her high standards.

I enthusiastically recommend Amy Murai for confirmation to the State Board of Nursing. As a Nurse and Nurse Practitioner, she is well versed on our issues and seeks clarity readily. Please do all you can to assist Amy, as she is truly an example of a person that will continue to succeed and serve our state well!

O au me ka ha`a ha`a (I am humbly yours),

Lenora Lorenzo DNPc, APRN, BC-ADM/FNP/GNP, CDE
Nurse Practitioner -Primary Care Provider - Veterans Health Admin.- Hawaii

- Affiliate Faculty University of Hawai'i, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene
- Region 9 Director and immediate past Hawaii State Representative, American Academy of Nurse Practitioner
- Past President, Hawai'i Nurses Association
- Doctorate of Nursing Candidate, University of South Alabama

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
April 13, 2011, 9:15 a.m.

By
Suzann C. Filleul, BSN, MBA, CNOR
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GM 637 RELATING TO CONFIRMATION OF AMY STONE MURAI

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. As a nursing leader in the Hawaii community, I am in strong support of Ms. Amy Stone Murai's confirmation to the State Board of Nursing as a Gubernatorial Nominee for a term to expire 6/30/2014.

Amy's participation in the State Board of Nursing has been very beneficial, and she has taken a leadership role in the Practice Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Amy is crucial to Board of Nursing and was very instrumental in drafting rules relating to nursing scope of practice. Amy is the BON's backbone. Without her it would collapse. She provides not only expertise as an APRN but works for the good of consumers, always fairminded and has the greatest love for Hawaii's people.

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Re: GM 637: Nomination of Amy Stone Murai to the State Board of Nursing

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

April 3, 2011

Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present myself as an applicant for reappointment to a position on the State Board of Nursing. As requested, my resume and references are attached and my responses to your questions follow below:

Why do you wish to continue being a member of the State Board of Nursing?

I wish to continue as a member of the Board of Nursing because, as Co-Chair of the Practice Committee, I find myself with a plan of work begun in 2008 that has not yet been completed. The amendments to HAR 89-c, signed by the Governor last December, took a year to draft and included input from all segments of the nursing community. During the time the amended Rules were proceeding through the 26 step approval process, HRS 457, relating to nursing, underwent two major amendments. Bringing the Rules into alignment with the latest version of the statute will be the first task of the practice committee in the coming year. Once aligning amendments have been submitted, and if there is not a more emergent issue, the committee will look at pain management, palliative/end of life care, telehealth, and e-prescribing for possible future amendments. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue the work I have started.

What is your perception of the role/responsibilities of a member of the Board?

The Board of Nursing serves as the guardian for public safety as it relates to the education and practice of nurses. Board members put aside their employment and professional allegiances in favor of the greater public good. They contribute knowledge and perspective from their roles as educators, clinicians, administrators and representatives of the public. Board members are responsible for attending Board and committee meetings, for coming to meetings prepared to conduct the business of the Board, for fulfilling commitments made to the Board for internal or external activities, for educating themselves on nursing issues beyond the immediate scope of their professional involvement, for maintaining the confidentiality of executive sessions, and for recognizing a conflict of interest and responding appropriately. Recognizing that nursing is a constantly evolving profession, Board members must be future oriented, willing to explore relevant learnings from our own and other professions, analyze issues, and formulate appropriate regulation to guide employers, nurses, and the communities they serve.

Based on your understanding of the board's role, why do you believe that you are

qualified to continue serving on the board? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and/or knowledge that would assist/strengthen your decision-making ability as a continuing member of the Board.

I believe I have a good understanding of the responsibilities of the Board of Nursing, the statutory and Rule making processes, and disciplinary procedures. I have been a registered nurse for 36 years and a nurse practitioner for 33 years, 21 of which have been in Hawaii. I have a master's degree in nursing from the University of Hawaii and am nationally certified as a women's health nurse practitioner. I have practiced in hospitals, clinics and private medical offices, and have taught at the UH School of Nursing. I keep up to date on nursing issues and trends through conferences and extensive reading. I write well and am highly skilled at researching issues from multiple sources and a variety of perspectives. In addition to my contributions to the newly adopted Rules, I also wrote a newsletter article and gave multiple presentations to nursing groups to ensure broad understanding of the many changes to nursing regulation that took place during the last three years. I hope to continue to identify and work toward removal of barriers that impede nurses from practicing to their full capabilities in order to expand access to high quality care to all the citizens of Hawaii.

I ask for your support and thank you for your consideration of my application for a position on the Board of Nursing. Mahalo.

Amy Stone Murai, RNC, MS, WHNP-BC, APRN