

GM556

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Acupuncture, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES CORCORAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Acupuncture

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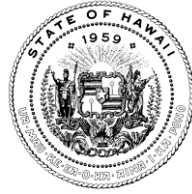
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4/1/2015	S	Received.
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4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 556.

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

My name is Carol Kramer and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Acupuncture ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 556, regarding the **reappointment** of Dr. James Corcoran to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Corcoran's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Corcoran was appointed as a public member to the Board effective July 1, 2012. He has attended eight scheduled bimonthly meetings out of 14 since his appointment and is a diligent contributing member. His insight from the public's perspective has been key to the discussions of the Board. His academic studies as part of his Ph.D. in Chinese history includes Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture.

Dr. Corcoran is also very active in community service through membership in various associations and boards.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Corcoran to the Board of Acupuncture, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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April 6, 2015

The Honorable David Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

Please allow me to put forth, with enthusiasm, Dr. James R. Corcoran's name for reappointment to the Hawaii State Acupuncture Board as its public member. I have known Colonel Jim Corcoran (U.S. Army retired) since the early 1970s when he was enrolled in the University of Hawaii's Asian Studies Program for which I was director. I chaired his Master's Degree Committee. As a Ph.D. candidate in History in the 1990s, he completed my courses in Chinese Intellectual History, and I performed the "hooding" ceremony for his receipt of the degree. Formally and informally he has always held high interest in Chinese and Asia studies. He will contribute greatly to the work of the acupuncture board.

Dr. Corcoran has long academic and living experience in China and in the Republic of China Taiwan from the 1970s up to the present day. His Chinese language ability enables him to research and write on Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM): acupuncture, herbal remedies, various massage techniques, moxibustion—burning the herb moxa on or near the skin, cupping—creating a partial vacuum by applying flame to a cup placed on the skin), mind-body therapy, and dietary therapy. Also, he has received naturopathy and acupuncture treatment continuously for the past twenty years which gives him a greater familiarity with acupuncture than could normally be expected in a lay candidate for the public member position on the Hawaii State Acupuncture Board.

Dr. Jim Corcoran has a comprehensive working knowledge and long experience with boards and committees, Robert's Rules of Order, the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include HRS Part I Chapter 92 Hawaii's open meetings law: the "Sunshine Law", the effective application of organization bylaws, implementation of order and decorum in meetings, and other aspects of efficient group deliberation. He is a long time member and now the president of the Maunawili Community Association (a 501-3(c), non-profit, volunteer organization), vice-president of the Windward Civilian Military Council, and was a publicly elected member of the City and County of Honolulu Kailua Neighborhood Board having held various positions of leadership at board and committee level from 1999 to 2010. He has frequently provided Board and Association testimony representing the residents of Kailua at State legislative committee hearings, before State-appointed boards, and to the Honolulu City Council and its committees over the past 15 years. He performs regular volunteer work with the Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance (AHHA) providing assistance, guidance, donations, and advice to needy civilians and veterans alike. He is a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War with experience in many overseas assignments all during the Cold War era.

Dr. Corcoran is very active in many professional organizations such as Friends of the East West Center and its China Seminar, the World History Association of Hawaii, the National Council on History Education and its local Hawaii Chapter, Association of Asian Studies, West Point Association of Graduates, The International Honor Society in History-Phi Alpha Theta, and other organizations. He is this year's recipient of Hawaii Pacific University's "Golden Apple Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2011" presented by the HPU Faculty Assembly this past April.

Dr. Jim Corcoran will continue to contribute to the furtherance of the public good in Hawaii in the years to come and the Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture will be well served by his experience and knowledge.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel W. Y. Kwok
Professor Emeritus of History



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April 6, 2015

The Honorable David Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i
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Dear Governor Ige,

It is with great privilege that I write to you in recommendation of Col. U.S. Army (Ret.) James R. Corcoran, Ph.D. I have come to know Dr. Corcoran through the University of Hawaii affiliated East-West Center's China Seminar lecture series. Dr. Corcoran has been teaching History and Asian Studies at Hawaii Pacific University for 19 years.

Dr. Corcoran has proven to be a responsible, resourceful, and extremely intelligent individual. Through participation in East-West Center lectures, Dr. Corcoran has expressed his support for acupuncture and oriental medicine. He has shown commitment to this belief by facilitating educational lectures, and class room presentations, on acupuncture at both HPU and UH Manoa. Dr. Corcoran has himself been a patient of acupuncturists for some 20 years, affirming the health benefits he has reaped. His extroverted, inquisitive, and friendly nature also makes him very personable.

Over his career, Dr. Corcoran has lived in 7 Asian countries as well as in Europe (Germany) through which he has gained a wealth of practical knowledge which he shares through his teachings in and out of the classroom. Dr. Corcoran is a true academic in his insatiable love of learning. Dr. Corcoran is conversant in several European and Asian languages which help him garner a deep, genuine understanding of past history and history as it unfolds. He is involved in his community by serving as President of the Maunawili Community Association, past president of the Windward Civilian Military Council (2012-2014) and volunteering at the Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance (AHHA). He served as an elected member to the Kailua Neighborhood Board from 1999 to 2010. Dr. Corcoran received the HPU Board of Trustees Award for Teaching Excellence (HPU's "Teacher of the Year") 2012-2013.

Dr. James R. Corcoran is truly an amazing person, who I feel honored to recommend for reappointment to the Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture public position. His rich experience in the fields of Asian history, acupuncture, and Oriental medicine, coupled with his fair-minded, intelligent, hardworking character would continue to be a valuable asset to the Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Testimony for the Hawaii Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Nomination to the Board of Acupuncture: GM 556

April 2, 2015

The following information is submitted in response to request by Sen. Roz Baker for a nomination hearing scheduled for April 17, 2015, 09:00 a.m., Conference Room 229.

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I, James R. Corcoran, Ph.D., Colonel U.S. Army (Retired) have served on the Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture (HBOA) as the public member for the past three, almost four, years. I have, as part of my Ph.D. in Chinese history, pursued studies in naturopathy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), to include acupuncture, and I have been under the care of acupuncturists here in Hawaii continuously for over twenty years. I believe that my academic qualifications and practical experience qualify me as a valuable, contributing, public member of the Board. This is a way I can contribute my knowledge, education, and experience for practical use for the public good for the State of Hawaii.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

Key roles and responsibilities are to be prepared and up-to-date on all current provisions of the HAR, Title 16 DCCA, Chapter 72, Acupuncture Practitioners, which implements Chapter 436E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; to apply those provisions in HBOA deliberations and proceedings regarding practitioner applications and ratifications; review of appeals; monitoring practice throughout the State; and to assist in production of new legislation relating to the scope of HBOA's responsibilities. Knowledge of and currency in meeting protocol, Robert's Rules of Order, and the Hawaii State Sunshine law is a necessity for effective functioning as a Board member.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I have been able to raise consumer interests issues in Board meetings during the past three-plus years in my capacity as a public member. As brought out previously, my having received acupuncture care continuously here in the State of Hawaii for the past twenty three years gives me practical experience related to the consumer's role. My Ph.D. in Chinese history, with research and writing based on the Chinese language, allows for me to have a deeper insight into the recipient's role in acupuncture. These two attributes combined with a general knowledge of consumer affairs based on my active participation

in the various civic groups listed in paragraph (7) below all serve to enable me to protect the consumer in the State of Hawaii.

- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Please refer to paragraph (1) above. Over the past 2 decades I have engaged professional acupuncturists to teach class sessions on TCM and acupuncture in my courses on China at both the University of Hawaii at Manoa and at Hawaii Pacific University's Military Campus Program (MCP). My efforts have greatly benefitted my students, especially those who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq by familiarizing them with the acupuncture program offered at Tripler Army Medical Center, a new initiative by the U.S. Department of Defense. I have also been active in broadening the general public's awareness of traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture in venues in the public sector on Oahu and farther afield in the State of Hawaii. My Chinese language capability enables me to research and write in the field of the history of TCM and acupuncture. In 2011, at Hawaii Pacific University's Faculty Scholarship Day, I presented a written history outline of TCM, to include acupuncture, as part of a lecture session together with Christina Kapothanasis, L.Ac., Diplo. O.M., Executive Director of the Hawaii Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association (HOMAA), and Kai Hung Tseng, L.Ac., Dipl. O.M., Director, HOMAA.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

My main goal is to continue to provide essential service to the HBOA thereby contributing to its successful functioning in its charge to oversee practitioner administration of acupuncture to the public in the State of Hawaii; to ratify practitioners based on their applications; to resolve appeals; to review and interpret HRS and HAR provisions which apply to the delivery of acupuncture; and as public member to keep the public's interest in the forefront of delivery of acupuncture within the State of Hawaii. .

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Familiarity and first-hand knowledge of acupuncture practices from the standpoint of a public member with over twenty years of experience as a recipient of acupuncture in the State of Hawaii. That, combined with my other skills and experiences as seen in paragraph (1) above, and paragraph (7) below, allow for me to make major contributions to Board proceedings.

Academic understanding, based on professional research and writing, using Chinese language sources, of the history and application of Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture. This gives me a depth of understanding which complements the professional qualifications of the three licensed acupuncturists on this five member Board.

Proven, dependable, successful functioning as a member of the Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture over the past three plus years. This quality will allow for continuity in Board membership and functioning.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

Current and past activities, stretching over a decade, as a current member and past president of the **Windward Civilian Military Council**; president and Board of Directors, of the **Maunawili Community Association** (non-profit 501(c)3), member of the **Hawaii Tourism and Wholesalers Association**, member and chair of various committees of the **City and County Kailua Neighborhood Board** as well as a member of various committees in my full-time faculty position as a professor at Hawaii Pacific University.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I have encountered no conflicts of interest during my three years plus as a public member of the HBOA, and I foresee no conflicts of interest in my future service. I have received instruction from the State and City and County on conflicts of interest and I have practical experience with the principles of conflicts of interest based on my decades-long service on the boards, councils, and associations in the State of Hawaii as listed above in paragraph (7). The State requirement to file annual financial disclosure forms is in itself a check against conflict of interest violations. The Hawaii State Ethics Commission guidelines on gifts, campaigning, fund raising, lobbying and other aspects of conflict of interest provisions are clearly laid out; consultation with DCCA employees managing the HBOA, and the Commission, are always there for clarification.