

GM566

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, PAUL GUEVARA, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

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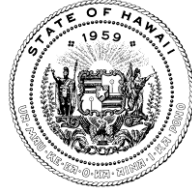
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4/1/2015	S	Received.
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4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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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 566.

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

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 566, regarding the **reappointment** of Paul Guevara, D.M.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Guevara's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Guevara is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since March 24, 2003, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board since September 19, 2011, and has attended nineteen of twenty meetings.

Dr. Guevara is a valuable member and contributes greatly to the discussions at the Board's meetings. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrates that he is prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas. In addition, by sharing insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed dentist in active practice, Dr. Guevara has made significant contributions to the Board's deliberations. Furthermore, as the current Vice-Chair of the Board and as the current Chair of the Board's Rules/Legislative Committee, Dr. Guevara has devoted countless hours researching and deliberating on possible amendments to the Board's administrative rules. Needless to say, he has volunteered many hours to the business of the Board and on occasion, made sacrifices to his business by rescheduling patients in order to accommodate Board business.

Moreover, Dr. Guevara is the Board's representative at national meetings, such as the American Association of Dental Boards, Spring and Annual Meetings.

We believe that Dr. Guevara's interest in serving the Board, his knowledge and experience in the profession, and his desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Guevara to the Board of Dental Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: Dr. Paul Guevara, Nominee to the Hawaii Board of Private Dental Examiners

Nomination number: GM566

Dr. Paul Guevara is a dental professional who is well respected in the community, has served the people of Hawaii for over a decade and continues to serve our country as a Coronel in the National Guard. I feel that he will continue to serve the public well, and will be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. I recommend Dr. Guevara for a position on the Board without reservation.

Mahalo,

Christopher Lee, DDS

To The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I, Dr. Matt Hoshino, recommend Dr. Paul Guevara to the Board of Private Dental Examiners as an excellent representation of an Endodontic specialist who is passionate in regulating the rights and obligations of the practicing dental care personnel in Hawaii. His experience in the many different dental fields makes him a highly qualified candidate. Dr. Paul Guevara will continue to be a valuable member of the Hawaii Dental Board.

Thank You,

Dr. Matt Hoshino

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker

04/06/2015

As per your Office's request, here are the responses to the eight questions.

1. I want to continue to be a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners. I volunteered for the Board four years ago, and I feel there is still a lot of work that we need to accomplish. I was selected by my fellow board members to be the Vice Chair, and I have held that position for the past two years. I also serve as the Chair of the Dental Rules Committee.
2. The primary role of the Board is to ensure the health and safety of the people of Hawaii. We do this by reviewing the credentials of the licensed dentist/hygienist and, the new dentist/hygienist seeking licensure in the State. We also review the current dental laws and statutes to ensure they are relevant and up to date. The reason for this is that the field of dentistry is an ever evolving profession. New techniques, procedures, and materials are used in dentistry on a daily basis.
3. I can help protect the consumers by applying my knowledge as a Dentist and Endodontic Specialists to the decision making process for the Board. To become a Dentist and Endodontist I spent eleven years in education. I also completed a Master's Degree in Dental Sciences during this time.
4. I feel that I am qualified for the position because I already serve on the Board. I have been a Dentist for over nineteen years. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1996; I completed a One Year Advanced Education in General Dentistry in 1997 at Ft. Benning GA; Endodontic Residency 2001, and Master's Degree in Dental Sciences 2001. I also serve as a Dentist in the Hawaii Army National Guard. I hold the rank of Colonel, and I am the Deputy Commander for the MEDCOM. I also maintain a full time private practice limited to Endodontics in Waipahu.
5. I wish to continue updating and maintaining the quality of dental care in Hawaii. I hope we can ensure the dental laws and statutes are in keeping with the ever advancing technologies and techniques in dentistry.
6. My three best qualities are Leadership, Decisiveness, and Understanding. As I stated earlier, my peers on the Board selected me to be the Vice Chair of the Board because of these qualities. To get anything done you need a good leader who is willing to make hard decisions, but someone who is also willing to listen to all sides of the story.
7. The experience that will be beneficial to the Board was the recent incidents with Dr. Lily Geyer and the death of Finley Boyle. Through this trying time, we became stronger and more committed to protecting to public in Hawaii.
8. I do not foresee any possible conflict of interests with the Board. If one does arise, I will have no problem with excusing myself from any discussion and decision related to that issue.

If there is anything else I can assist you with please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope my answers will help in you in re-appointing me to the State Board of Dental Examiners.

Thank You:

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