

GM581

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DARREN EGAMI, MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
SHAN S. TSUTSUI
LT. GOVERNOR

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
335 MERCHANT STREET, ROOM 310
P.O. Box 541
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809
Phone Number: 586-2850
Fax Number: 586-2856
www.cca.hawaii.gov/pvl

CATHERINE P. AWAKUNI COLÓN
DIRECTOR
JO ANN M. UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 581.

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

My name is Ahlani Quiogue and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 581, regarding the **appointment** of Darren Egami, M.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Egami's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Egami is being appointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since July 12, 1994, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Dr. Egami has been serving on the Board as an interim appointee since November 3, 2014.

Since his interim appointment, Dr. Egami has been an extremely reliable member who regularly attends meetings. He has attended four out of four Board meetings. As a

resident and practicing physician of Maui, Dr. Egami volunteers to take significant amounts of time out of his busy orthopedic practice to attend Board meetings in Honolulu. Dr. Egami is always well prepared for meetings, and is not afraid to ask questions when issues are unclear. It is evident that Dr. Egami will continue to be a great asset to the Board and the community.

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

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Egami to the Hawaii Medical Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

1360 S. Beretania Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Phone (808) 536-7702 Fax (808) 528-2376 www.hawaiimedicalassociation.com

TO:
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, April 17, 2015
TIME: 8:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 229

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: GM581

SUPPORT

Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Darren Egami to the Hawaii Medical Board and urges the Committee to confirm this nomination. Dr. Egami has demonstrated himself to be a strong clinician and physician leader amongst his peers and will serve the Hawaii public well in this position. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Officers

*President - Robert Sloan, MD, President-Elect – Scott McCaffrey, MD
Immediate Past President – Walton Shim, MD, Secretary - Thomas Kosasa, MD
Treasurer – Brandon Lee, MD Executive Director – Christopher Flanders, DO*

Peter Chin MD
293 Ho'ohana St.
Kahului, HI 96732
April 14, 2015

To Whom it may concern,

I write this letter to recommend Dr. Darren Egami to the Hawaii Medical Board. As a past member of the Hawaii Medical Board representing Maui, I strongly endorse his appointment. Besides being an outstanding orthopedic surgeon on Maui, Dr. Egami is honest, hardworking and has shown strong ethics as he has shown as our Aloha Surgery Center medical staff president. I highly recommend him to the Hawaii Medical Board. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Chin', with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Peter Chin MD

Dr. Darren Egami

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

To serve the community to the best of my ability.

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

Licensure of healthcare professionals, credentialing, peer review, and in some cases to offer guidance on matters pertaining to healthcare.

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

By giving all matters of the Board thoughtful understanding and careful consideration.

(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.

My past experiences include the Chief of Staff of Maui Memorial Medical Center, the president of the Maui County Medical Society, and the president of the Aloha Surgery Center. I have been involved with credentialing and peer review for over 10 years. I hope to use my experiences to help the board with their tasks of licensure, credentialing, and Peer review. I am also a practicing physician on Maui and will continue to learn and strive to do the best that I can to help with this process.

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

To help maintain and improve the quality of healthcare in Hawaii.

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

1. I am always willing to learn. 2. I tend to be a hard worker except when hanging out with my two boys. 3. I typically put forth my best effort.

Hopefully, my values and work ethic will allow me to be a meaningful contributor to this process.

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

Answered in question 4.

(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?

No. If one should arise and if I can recognize the conflict, I would do my best to handle it in an appropriate manner.