

# GM583 & GM584

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONE GEIMER-FLANDERS, DO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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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.



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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 NOS. 583 AND 584.**

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. 583, regarding the **appointment**, and Governor's Message No. 584, regarding the **reappointment** of Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Geimer-Flanders' appointment and reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Geimer-Flanders is being appointed and reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed since October 2, 2006, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. Dr. Geimer-Flanders has been serving on the Board as an interim appointee since July 1, 2014. Dr. Geimer-Flanders attended five of the eight Board meetings.

Since her interim appointment to the Board, Dr. Geimer-Flanders has taken on various roles with the Board, including being a member of its Legislative Committee. In her short tenure on the Board, Dr. Geimer-Flanders has already had the pleasure of testifying before the Senate Committee on Health regarding a bill that would directly affect the Board's statutes. In preparation for this legislative hearing, Dr. Geimer-Flanders initiated direct contact with a national organization in order to obtain additional information regarding the content matter of the bill. This action itself is a testament to Dr. Geimer-Flanders' dedication to serve as an efficient and well informed member.

We believe that Dr. Geimer-Flanders' 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. Geimer-Flanders to the Hawaii Medical Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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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: GM584**

### **SUPPORT**

Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Jone Geimer-Flanders to the Hawaii Medical Board and urges the Committee to confirm this nomination. Dr. Flanders has demonstrated herself to be a strong clinician and physician leader amongst her peers and will serve the Hawaii public well in this position. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 2, 2015

Brooke Jones & Alika Ke-Paloma  
Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
415 South Beretania Street, Office 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: JONE GEIMER-FLANDERS, D.O.  
Nomination Number: GM583  
Hawaii Medical Board  
Letter of Support and Recommendation

Dear Honorable Chair Senator Baker and Members of the Senate Committee:

It is a pleasure for me to support, without reservation, the appointment of Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O. to the Hawaii Medical Board. I have known Dr. Geimer-Flanders for nearly ten years in her capacity as a private practice cardiologist on Hawaii Island, inpatient program director at the Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), and Pacific Regional Medical Director at Mountain Pacific Quality Health (CMS Contractor).

Dr. Geimer-Flanders has outstanding clinical experience and her reputation as an excellent cardiologist and general internist has followed her across Hawaii. Through her administrative duties, she has a deep and wide understanding of quality of health care, scope of practice, fraud and abuse, behavioral health issues, and standards of care. Her current positions at Tripler and Mountain Pacific attest to my claims of her competence.

Dr. Geimer-Flanders has integrity. In meetings I have had with her, she has been an active listener, engaged participant, clear in her expressions, and a decision-maker who requires objective information. She is not fearful of making 'tough' decisions. I do not see her as an impulsive, erratic, or judgmental physician. Her work ethic is strong. Her sense of humor is disarming. Her primary value is quality of care and patient safety.

I highly recommend, without reservation, Dr. Jone Geimer-Flanders to a seat on the Hawaii Medical Board. Please contact me at 808-973-1564 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Okamoto, MD  
Chief Medical Officer  
Clinical Associate Professor, JABSOM



**Spencer A. Lau, D.O.  
Osteopathic Physician  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

April 2, 2015

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

Re: Dr. Jone Flanders  
Nomination No. GM583  
Board of Medical Examiners

Dear Senator Baker,

I am the President of the Hawaii Association of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. I have know Dr. Jone Flanders professionally for the past 5 years. She is a well respected Osteopathic Physician who works at Tripler Army Medical Center as a board certified cardiologist as well as a trainer for internal medicine residents. She has been a member in good standing with our state organization for the past 5 years and recently has been a member of the Board of Medical Examiners for which she is reapplying for under Governor Ige's administration. I endorse Dr. Flanders reapplication as a member of the Medical Board without reservation. If you have any questions, please call me at 808-373-2167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spencer A. Lau, D.O.".

Spencer A. Lau, D.O.

*Thomas S. Kosasa, M.D.*

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April 7, 2015

Senator Roselyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
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RE: Dr. Jone Flanders Nomination Number GM683

Dear Senator Baker,

I am honored to be writing this letter of recommendation for Dr. Joan Flanders for re-appointment and appointment as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board. Dr. Flanders has been an interim Board Member of the Hawaii Medical Board since July 1, 2014.

Dr. Flanders is a highly qualified cardiologist who is presently Chief of the Department of Medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center. Dr. Flanders is also Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Tripler Army Medical Center.

In 2012 Dr. Flanders was appointed Medical Director of Mountain Pacific Quality Health. This program provides clinical direction and guidance for our State's Medical Quality Improvement Organization as well as facilitating quality initiatives in Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa.

As an interim Board Member of the Hawaii Medical Board, Dr. Flanders has been extremely helpful with the depth of her medical knowledge and expertise in deciding some very complicated issues which have come before the Board.

There is no question that Dr. Flanders has been a very valuable member of our Medical Board and I know that the Board has benefited from her presence.

I would reomend Dr. Flanders with my very highest recommendation for her re-appointment and appointment to the Hawaii Medical Goard.

Sincerely,



Thomas Kosasa, M.D.

April 7, 2015

To the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
And the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

It is with great honor, that I accept consideration for a nomination to the Hawaii Medical Board. As an Osteopathic Physician I can think of no greater responsibility to the people of Hawaii and my profession than to serve on the Hawaii Board of Medicine. It is with reverent commitment to public service that I look forward to a role on the board. I am committed to quality in medical care, having served on the State's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization as Medical Director for Hawaii's beneficiaries. I also serve as a consultant to Aloha Care (one of the state's Medicaid intermediaries) as well as the Chief of Inpatient Medicine for one of the state's hospital systems. I feel that my skill set can be useful to serve and protect the citizen's of the state in our responsibility to credential the physician's of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO, FACP, FACC