

GM585

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GERARD AKAKA, MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

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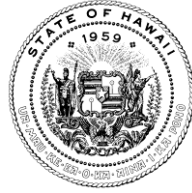
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4/1/2015	S	Received.
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4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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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. 585.

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, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 585, regarding the **reappointment** of Gerard K. Akaka, M.D., to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Akaka's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Akaka is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. Dr. Akaka has been licensed since February 1, 1991, and his license is current, active and in good standing.

Having served on the Board since July 1, 2011, Dr. Akaka attended 37 of the 44 Board meetings. Dr. Akaka's extensive medical experience enables him to quickly

understand the issues before the Board. As the Vice President of Native Hawaiian Health, Medical Education, and Clinical Support for The Queen's Health Systems, Dr. Akaka has a wealth of administrative experience and superb leadership skills that he brings to the Board, and he consistently offers a unique perspective to issues and matters that the Board is faced with.

We believe Dr. Akaka'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. Akaka 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: GM585

SUPPORT

Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Gerard Akaka to the Hawaii Medical Board and urges the Committee to confirm this nomination. Dr. Akaka 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.

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THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Paula Yoshioka
Senior Vice President
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: GM 585, Nomination of Gerard K. Akaka, MD, FACP, for the Hawaii Medical Board
Hearing—April 17, 2015 at 8:30 AM

The Queen's Health Systems (QHS) would like to provide strong support for the nomination of Gerard K. Akaka, MD, FACP, for a term on the Hawaii Medical Board.

Dr. Akaka currently serves as the Vice President of Native Hawaiian Health, Medical Education, and Clinical Support for QHS. Through his work at the Queen Emma Clinic, Dr. Akaka has helped to carry out the mission of King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma by improving the health of Native Hawaiians and the people of Hawaii—particularly our most underserved residents. In the ten years since being named as the Queen's outstanding physician of the year, Dr. Akaka has continued his commitment to ensuring that our patients have access to high-quality services.

We are heartened by this nomination and urge your full support of Dr. Akaka's nomination.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

Aloha e Senator Baker and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am writing in support of Dr. Gerard K. Akaka for the Hawai'i Medical Board. I have worked professionally with Dr. Akaka for over 10 years in the field of Native Hawaiian Health both at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine and here at The Queen's Health Systems. As a longtime primary care physician, Dr. Akaka has served many patients, healthcare providers, and researchers in his capacity within Internal Medicine. Working for the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center prior to his Queen's career, he has demonstrated his technical skills and ability to connect with patients. He has the administrative experience with complex physician relationships to be able to effectively govern and advise on this Board.

On a more personal note, Dr. Akaka is one of the most fair and just individuals in our State. He follows what is Pono, and is able to view all aspects of the situation prior to making educated decisions. These strong values contribute to his daily commitments and his work toward creating meaningful relationships within our healthcare system.

I fully support his nomination for the Hawai'i Medical Board without any reservations.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Diane Paloma, PhD

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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? **It's important that HI licensed physicians have the proficiencies and values to provide safe and high quality care to our citizens. I'd like to continue to use my skills and experience to support this work.**
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? **A member should engage with the preparation and discussion on physicians who self-identified issues. The member must be unbiased and exercise confidentiality.**
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? **I have valuable experience from serving as Vice President Medical Affairs at Queen's where I worked with physicians and physician issues.**
- (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. **As Queen's Vice President Medical Affairs I worked with Credentialing, Peer Review, Disruptive physicians and other physician related issues. Queen's had a large medical staff of 1,200.**
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? **I want to continue this work.**
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. **Fair, experienced, easy to work with.**
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. **I've dealt with highly skilled physicians with disruptive behavior, substance abuse, peer review issues. This experience is valuable when making decisions if a physician will provide safe and high quality care.**
- (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 may know some of the applicants or they may be Queen's physicians. I recuse myself from the vote on these.**