

GM595

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT KLEIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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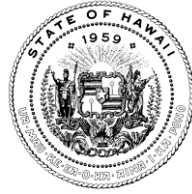
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4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 595.

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 595, regarding the **reappointment** of Robert Klein, D.C., to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Klein's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Klein is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He is from the Island of Hawaii, has been licensed since February 27, 1980, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Having served on the Board since July 1, 2011, Dr. Klein has attended 22 of the 23 Board meetings.

As the Board's Chairperson since November 1, 2012, Dr. Klein has actively and effectively participated in the Board's proceedings. He exemplifies commitment and dedication to his responsibilities as a Board member by his active participation in the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners' test committee and practical examination. He is keenly aware of issues that confront the regulatory authority and he approaches issues with an open-mind.

Further, as Chairperson, Dr. Klein encourages the members to engage in discussions that stimulate meaningful discussion.

The Department believes that Dr. Klein'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.

Therefore the Department supports the confirmation of Robert Klein, D.C., to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 3, 2015

Senator Rosalyn Baker
State Capitol Building, Rm 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

I submit this letter in support of Dr. Robert Klein, DC, who seeks another term on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He brings to that position many years of experience as a practicing doctor, a member of the board of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, and a delegate from Hawaii to the American Chiropractic Association.

Besides his outstanding credentials, he represents the very best of his profession and practices with integrity, knowledge, expertise, and professional responsibility.

I ask for your serious consideration and support of Dr. Klein's nomination to the chiropractic board. He has already proven to be an asset to the state by serving a first term on the board.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Saito, DC



KLEIN NATURAL
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

April 6, 2015

Senator Rozalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 South Beretania St., 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members,

I have already provided responses to specific inquiries from your office regarding my suitability for re-appointment to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The following is an extremely brief summary statement I have been asked to provide regarding my suitability for this position.

I volunteer for this position to aid Hawaii's public by assuring the highest standards for services provided by members of the chiropractic profession. My years of practice experience and my past service on this board have taught me to understand the issues of professional regulation and discipline which are relevant to this job. I look forward to continued service to the people of Hawaii.

I will be present before your committee on Friday, April 17th to respond to any

further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert E Klein, DC, FACO



April 3, 2015

Senator Rozalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 South Beretania St., 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

Thank you for considering my nomination to serve another term on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. This letter is in response to the series of questions submitted by your committee staff in preparation before a hearing.

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

To serve the people of Hawaii and the profession of chiropractic.

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

To monitor and regulate the legal & ethical practice of chiropractic as defined under Hawaii state laws and regulations. Within those legal constraints, to respond to issues and inquiries which are brought before the board. To review and approve appropriate courses of continuing education, enabling doctors to meet requirements for re-licensure. To work with staff of the DCCA in all matters related to chiropractic licensing and discipline.

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

I have extensive experience serving the public as a licensee in this profession. I am aware of the issues of legality and ethics related to this role. Any physician holds a fiduciary position which can be properly used to guide and aid the patient, or which can be abused to take advantage of them. My experience helps me to recognize these activities and distinguish between these different types of doctor/patient relationships.



(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.

I received the finest education available in the chiropractic profession, graduating with honors from one of the foremost scientifically oriented colleges. I became licensed in Hawaii in 1980 and have practiced here continuously since that time. My continuing education in chiropractic has been extensive throughout these years. I have served the public with great satisfaction and have also served my profession in numerous roles on county, state and national levels. My curriculum vitae is attached to this e-mail with 7 pages of detail.

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

I expect that an updated practice act for the chiropractic profession will be passed by the legislature in the next few years. Should this occur, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners will need to recommend changes to the related Administrative Rules. This is likely to be the greatest challenge for this board other than continuing the routine business of overseeing professional licensure.

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

Cooperative, Patient and Goal oriented. As described below, these all help the board (or any group) to accomplish the tasks before it.

Cooperation is about working together to accomplish common purposes, rather than being confrontational or antagonistic. Discussion can be productive while arguments tend to impede progress. Patience is the ability to passively observe and evaluate without rushing to judgement or immediate action. When meeting with others, they may have concerns which seem trivial, unimportant or incorrect to me. I have learned to respect that to the other party, those issues do seem important and must be properly addressed in a way they can appreciate. Goal oriented refers to getting things done. Simply taking a meeting or discussion from point A to point B or concluding discussion on a matter and bringing it to a vote. It means dealing with the issues to be addressed and completing the business at hand.



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

I have already served 8 years as a member of this board (two non-consecutive terms) and have been board chairperson for four of those years. I have worked with numerous other professional and lay board members, deputy Attorney Generals and with three different Executive Officers during that time. I understand the processes involved in the board's functioning, the legal concerns which it must abide by and the responsibility the board has for protection of the public.

(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?

The only possible conflict which could arise would be if there were a disciplinary issue pending against myself or another Hilo doctor with whom there might be a possibility of direct commercial competition. Should such an issue ever come before the board, I would have to recuse myself from voting and ask the vice-chair to manage relevant discussions.

Thank you again, Senator Baker, for considering my nomination to this board. I look forward to speaking with you by phone on Tuesday, April 7th at 3:30pm to answer any other questions or concerns. I have already arranged travel to appear before your committee on Friday, April 17th.

Sincerely,

Robert E Klein, DC, FACO