

GM599

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, OLIVIA KIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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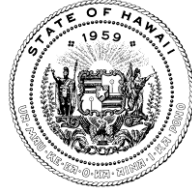
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**PRESENTATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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. 599**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **OLIVIA KIM**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 599, nominating Ms. Olivia Kim for membership on the Board of Nursing ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Ms. Kim has worked for several years in nursing and the management of assisted living services in the Honolulu area. With an enthusiastic approach to managing and improving patient care, Ms. Kim shoulders an increasingly broad array of

responsibilities associated with assisted living services (i.e., management, training, and administration) in addition to the practice of providing nursing care.

The Department fully expects Ms. Kim to apply the same positive approach she has taken in her career in nursing and assisted living care services to her service as the Board's licensed practical nurse member. Ms. Kim is familiar with the various duties of the Board – including adoption of administrative rules for licensure, setting of standards for nurse training, holding examinations for licensee applicants, conducting requested hearings regarding denial of applications or Board disciplinary actions, and various others – and she continues to expand her knowledge of industry issues. Ms. Kim is also committed to supporting the Board's activities by regularly attending and participating in meetings and other activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Ms. Kim's nomination to the Board of Nursing.



Friday, April 17, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room #229

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

To: Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: George Greene, President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
GM599 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, OLIVIA KIM, for a term to expire 6-30-18

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH)'s 160 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, all public and private skilled nursing facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospices, all assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies. Members also represent other healthcare providers from throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank, dialysis, and more. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of GM599.

We have had the pleasure of getting to know Ms. Kim in her capacity as the Director of Assisted Living and Memory Support at Kahala Nui, a 41-unit assisted living facility and 22-bed memory support unit. She is well-loved by residents of that facility for her kind and compassionate care, and is well-respected by her colleagues for her commitment to her craft. We know that she will bring a fresh perspective to the Board, and will be prepared to make meaningful contributions immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM599.



Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m., Conference room 229

To: Chair Rosalyn Baker
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

From: Dee Robinson, Administrator
Assisted Living Facility Chair, Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: GM 599 – Olivia Kim, Gubernatorial Nominee, Board of Nursing

I would like to express my support for the confirmation of Ms. Olivia Kim as a member of the State Board of Nursing.

I have worked with Olivia in my capacity as Chair of the Assisted Living Group for the Hawaii Long Term Care Association (and now the Healthcare Association of Hawaii) for many years. During this time Olivia has been an exemplary member of our Committee and has made many contributions. Olivia is very knowledgeable and shows true compassion and care for Hawaii's kupuna. She is usually the first to volunteer whenever we have been in need of any type of assistance, and Olivia has proven to be a valuable resource to other healthcare workers by freely sharing her experience, knowledge and support to others in our industry.

I believe that Olivia would be a very valuable addition to the State Board of Nursing and hope that you will strongly consider her for confirmation.

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Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m., Conference room 229

To: Chair Rosalyn Baker
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
From: Bob Ogawa, President
Re: GM 599 – Olivia Kim, Gubernatorial Nominee, Board of Nursing

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Ms. Olivia Kim as a member of the State Board of Nursing.

I will not go into a lengthy iteration of Olivia's education, experience and qualifications in this regard. They are many and, no doubt, will be fully and thoroughly described by others.

What I would like to say is that, over the years, in my capacity as President of the Hawaii Long Term Care Association, I have had the privilege and pleasure of Olivia being a valued part of our Assisted Living Facility Committee. I have been gratified and proud to see her develop from a young lady of unbounded potential to a genuine (still-rising) star in the healthcare community.

Joining Kahala Nui as a staff nurse in 2009, Olivia was quickly promoted to Assistant Director, then Director of Assisted Living and Memory Support by 2012. She has developed a creative and personalized model of care and is dearly loved and appreciated by the residents and their families. What she has already accomplished in life speaks volumes about her possessing commitment, expertise and leadership capabilities at levels far beyond her years. That means we will, thankfully, reap the benefit of having her as an invaluable resource and contributor to the well-being of our people for a long time to come.

How we provide for our kupuna is a true measure of the respect and compassion we have for them . . . a reflection of our dignity as a society.

Olivia Kim exemplifies that philosophy: that respect, that compassion, that dignity. In confirming her as a member of the State Board of Nursing, Hawaii could not be better served. Thank you.



April 2, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Nursing
DCCA-PVL
P.O. Box 3469
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Re: **Recommendation letter for Olivia Kim, LPN (Nomination #GM599)**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to offer this letter of recommendation for Olivia Kim, LPN, to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. Ms. Kim has been employed at Kahala Nui / The Hi'olani Care Center since July 13, 2009. She originally started with us as a Staff Nurse in our Comprehensive Nursing department and quickly earned herself a promotion to Director of Assisted Living & Memory Support in January 2011.

As Director of Assisted Living & Memory Support, she manages a department of 52 employees including licensed nurses and Resident Care Assistants. Ms. Kim has the great responsibility of overseeing the care and comfort of our 41 Assisted Living seniors and 22 Memory Support residents. In the 5 ½ years that she has been employed here at our senior living community, I have found her to be reliable, extremely conscientious, and consistently dedicated to providing the best of care to her residents. In her current job, she is required to juggle many different responsibilities and always handles her duties with professionalism and polish. She is highly dedicated to her nursing profession and is always seeking opportunities to learn and grow in her field.

If you would like any addition information, please feel free to call me at (808) 218-7006. Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Kim's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing.

Sincerely,

Dana Matlin
Director of Human Resources

Nomination Number: **GM599**

Reference: Hawaii State Board of Nursing Nominee: **Ms. Olivia Kim**

April 7, 2015

Letter of Recommendation

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Olivia Kim. I have been her direct supervisor for close to five years during my tenure as the Administrator of the Hi'olani Care Center at Kahala Nui. During this time, she has held the positions of staff nurse and currently is our Director of Assisted Living and Memory Support units. A position she has held for over four years. She does truly exceptional work in the management of her residents, nursing and direct care staff. A day hardly passes when we do not here words of appreciation, support and admiration for her work from families, residents, physicians and other members of the allied healthcare community of professionals.

I have worked with a large number of department heads in my thirty-year career in healthcare management. Of all the managers I have encountered, I found that Olivia is by far the most capable nursing management professional I have ever had the privilege to work with. Her attention to detail, ensures that quality nursing care, policies and procedures, staff training and regulatory compliance are all kept current and on track. In addition is she always a great team player, often times leading efforts to resolve difficult and complicated problems with practical, common sense solutions.

Her positive, "can do" attitude, problem solving abilities and practical approach to dealing with very complex nursing and resident care challenges is remarkable. Her job performance and professionalism is always stellar, her personal character and sense of integrity are outstanding and her ability to teach and communicate effectively suggests a future career as a nurse educator at a major university.

I recommend Olivia whole-heartedly and without reservation to a position on the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I believe that her professional abilities as a practicing nurse, her intelligence and common sense will proved to be a great asset at any board meeting, particularly when complex and difficult questions need honest, clear debate and resolution in a fair and reasonable manner. It would not surprise me in the least if she were to eventually rise to the role chairperson of the board.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this outstanding individual with me, please call me at (808)218-7014 (office), (808)927-7095 (cel.) or email me at jduquette@kahalanui.com.

Jay C. Duquette, Administrator

Hi'olani Care Center at Kahala Nui

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April 7, 2015

Re: Recommendation for Ms. Olivia Kim to Hawaii State Board of Nursing – Nomination #GM599

Dear Selection Committee Chairperson,

With the utmost enthusiasm, I recommend Ms. Olivia Kim for selection to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. Based on more than 25 years experience as a business operations manager and university professor, I consider Olivia Kim to be an exceptional candidate for this distinguished stewardship position.

I have known Olivia for several years and she has consistently epitomized the values and principles of a lifelong learner, honest leader, and healthcare provider. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.” The most impactful citizens in society are caregivers and risk-takers, who are willing to step out of their comfort zone to help others. As a highly competent nurse for Hawaii’s elderly population, Olivia is following her dream of being a respected leader in the senior care community and making a difference in the world. To advance her professional qualifications and realize this goal, she is continuing her education at the University of Phoenix and pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

In her academic and professional endeavors, Olivia has made her ambitions clear to her instructors, managers, and peers. She aspires to follow the guidance of self-help author and motivational speaker, Tony Robbins, who once stated, “Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.” Olivia proactively plans and executes team projects, demonstrates exemplary leadership for her classmates and coworkers, and shows poise during public speaking engagements in academic and workplace settings. In her healthcare role as a Director of Assisted Living, she exemplifies compassion and is sensitive to the feelings, intentions, and motivations of others.

The Hawaii State Board of Nursing will benefit immeasurably from Olivia’s ethical decision-making, commitment to health and safety, and desire to protect the public as well as her proven ability to collaborate on important projects and set high standards of excellence. Her academic success and personal goal to help those in Hawaii less fortunate make her an exceptional role model and a great fit for the state’s governing board of fellow nurses. Olivia consistently illustrates outstanding teamwork, organizational capability, and caregiver competence. She is detail-oriented and able to thrive in a fast-paced ethnically-diverse environment, whether at school or on the job. Olivia is a hard-working, highly regarded individual with superb interpersonal and communication abilities, genuine empathy for others, and an innate desire to provide care for those in need. She is a skilled professional, consistently eager to take on challenges, and driven to create a safer and healthier place to live.

Olivia Kim is exceedingly qualified for selection to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I highly endorse her nomination to this influential board, knowing well in advance that the state government and the local populace will reap long-lasting benefits from her dedication to excellence, and she will certainly leverage this experience to make a difference in the health and welfare of our island community.

Please contact me at mkorman@email.phoenix.edu if you have any questions regarding my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Korman

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: pduarte@kahalanui.com
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GM599

Submitted on: 4/8/2015

Testimony for CPN on Apr 17, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick J. Duarte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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REHABILITATION ASSESSMENT & PLANNING SPECIALISTS

April 5, 2015

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chairman, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
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Vice Chair Senator Brian Taniguchi
Senatorial District 11
Hawaii State Capital
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Hearing Date: Friday, April 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
Debra T. Kubota – Nominee for Board of Physical Therapy, GM 559
Testimony for Advise and Consent

To the Honorable Senators Baker and Taniguchi:

It is my privilege to support the reappointment of Debra T. Kubota to the State of Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy. I have been a colleague of Ms. Kubota for approximately 35 years and can attest to her professional competence and values.

Ms. Kubota's clinical and administrative skills are very well-developed. She has applied her knowledge across a continuum of physical therapy settings to include acute-care and rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and outpatient clinics. She has worked as a therapist and an administrator in both the fee-for-service sector and the managed care environment. These diverse experiences make her uniquely qualified to understand first-hand the current challenges facing the health care market in Hawaii.

Ms. Kubota's character is strong and she remains passionate about the physical therapy profession. Throughout her professional dealings, she has always remembered that the "patient comes first" and makes clinical and administrative decisions with this basic core truth in mind.

This candidate has my highest recommendation. She is bright, articulate, and dedicated to her profession. If I can be of further assistance in the reappointment process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Richard A. Bielecki

Richard A. Bielecki, M.Ed., M.B.A.
President

From: [Steven Shimazu](#)
To: [CPN Testimony](#)
Subject: Nomination Number GM599
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:16:33 PM

Re: Nomination Number GM599 (Ms. Oliva Kim)

To Whom It May Concern:

We know that Ms. Olivia Kim has been nominated to be a member for the State Board of Nursing, and I am delighted to have the chance to recommend Ms. Kim for addition to the Board.

My family has known Ms. Kim for over four years on personal and professional levels. Ms. Kim is a coworker of my wife at Kahala Senior Living Community, Inc. This professional relationship turned into friendship over the years. In our time of fellowship with Ms. Kim, we have always enjoyed her interpersonal skills, polished professionalism, strong leadership, and logical thinking abilities. As for her moral character, we can state without a doubt that Ms. Kim is a person with a high degree of integrity, which has been also affirmed repeatedly by her colleagues.

We can state with confidence that Ms. Kim is an intelligent person with a mind well-suited to serve as a valuable member of the State Board of Nursing. We sincerely hope that you give her application favorable consideration. If you need any further information about Ms. Kim, please do not hesitate to contact me at my cell phone, (808) 397-4332 or at my work phone (808) 844-8257.

Sincerely,

Steven Shimazu
VP & Business Loan Portfolio Officer
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April 15, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St., 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

Thank you for your support in my nomination to the State Board of Nursing. I am very honored to be considered for this prestigious position. I am excited for this opportunity, as it will be a chance for me to give back and serve our 'Ohana in Hawaii Nei.

I am a nurse who is committed to my profession and mission, which is to care for others and advocate for the wellbeing of our community. As a future member of the Board, I hope to lend my voice to assist with the shaping of nursing practice in the State of Hawaii, and protect individuals from poor practice. As we face tomorrow's challenges in nursing care, we will need to be innovative, tactful, and open minded with the current issues in our health care services. With the collaboration of the community and Board members, I am confident that we will be able to achieve excellence in quality of care. It is my life-long passion to make a difference in people's lives, and I am committed to serve our 'Ohana, with respect, kindness, and integrity, to the best of my abilities.

I appreciate your time in reviewing this letter. I look forward to the hearing on Friday.
Mahalo nui loa and have a great day!

Sincerely,

Olivia Kim