

# GM779

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAROLYN MA, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

**Report Title:** Board of Pharmacy

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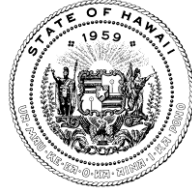
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4/9/2015	S	Received.
4/9/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/16/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-22-15 8:30AM in conference room 016.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 779.**

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 779, regarding the **reappointment** of Carolyn Ma to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Ma's reappointment to the Board.

Since her appointment in July 2011, Dr. Ma has attended 37 of the 45 Board meetings scheduled. Although licensed as a Hawaii pharmacist since November 1988, starting as a clinical pharmacy specialist in oncology, Dr. Ma has also worked as a pharmacy manager for a Hong Kong company as well as a management consultant at

Stanford University Hospitals and Clinics. Her experience as a pharmacist is a tremendous contribution to the Board.

Currently, Dr. Ma is the Chair and an Associate Professor of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Hawaii, Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy where she has been instrumental in building a working relationship between the students and the Board. Thanks to Dr. Ma, the Board has held several meetings at the Honolulu campus with a live video stream with the Hilo pharmacy students. This has been beneficial for the Board as well as the students.

Although she may be busy flying back and forth between Honolulu and the Big Island, Dr. Ma is always prepared and contributes to the discussions at the monthly Board meetings.

It has been my pleasure working with Dr. Ma for the last four years and I find her to be knowledgeable and fair in her decisions.

The Department supports the reappointment of Dr. Ma to the Board of Pharmacy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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April 20, 2015

Testimony on GM 779  
Confirmation of Carolyn Ma  
Board of Pharmacy

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Please accept this Testimony in strong support of GM 779, regarding the confirmation of Carolyn Ma to the Board of Pharmacy.

Carolyn Ma has extensive experience and expertise in the field of pharmacy in Hawaii. Dr. Ma practiced as a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist at The Queens Medical Center in Honolulu. She joined the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) in 2007 and became the Chair of Pharmacy Practice in 2009. Today, she is in charge of operations, faculty, and residents for the DKICP Oahu, Maui, and Kauai. In addition to her work for the college, she also serves on the Boards of the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy, Hawaii Pharmacists Association and the International Interdisciplinary Advisory and Editorial Board. Dr. Ma has been the recipient of various teaching and leadership awards in the field of pharmacy.

Dr. Ma's educational and employment background and involvement outside her normal course of employment have given her a deep and well-rounded understanding of the pharmaceutical industry and make her an excellent choice for the Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

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April 9, 2015

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 779 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Carolyn Ma, for a term to expire 6/30/19

Dear Senator Baker:

I am writing in support of Dr. Carolyn Ma's nomination for the Pharmacist position on the Hawai'i State Board of Pharmacy. I have known Carolyn since 2007. She serves as Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and I consider her the foremost academic pharmacist in the State of Hawai'i. Based on this, and her current service on the Board, Carolyn has extensive knowledge and understanding of the current state of practice of pharmacy in the State. Her understanding of frontline practice, her role as an educator and as a leader in the profession will offer a multi-faceted viewpoint of the issues the State faces. Carolyn has a strong desire to uphold the foundation of ethical and honorable pharmacy practice and provide best practice policies pertaining to patient safety and education. Her experience at several academic hospitals will serve the Board well. At this point in her career, she possesses the maturity to understand the complex inter-relationships the Board of Pharmacy has with other state departments and to understand complex issues that face the Board in this new generation of pharmacy practice.

I wholeheartedly recommend Carolyn Ma for this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Pezzuto".

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Professor and Dean

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April 10, 2015

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

Dear Senator Baker and Committee:

I am writing to give my full support for the nomination of Dr. Carolyn Ma to renew her position on the Board of Pharmacy. I have worked with Dr. Ma for many years at The Queen's Medical Center and during my service on the Board of Pharmacy for the last 4 years.

Dr. Ma has demonstrated her expertise while serving on the Board of Pharmacy. With her knowledge of the clinical setting as well as in academe she has proven the benefit for having her remain on this board. As an outstanding clinician and Academic Administrator/ Educator she teaches the standards for best practice, professionalism and stresses the importance of ethical and safe health care to the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy students. I am confident that she will continue to bring value and offer neutral viewpoint to the Board but also add expertise from an education standpoint.

I appreciate this opportunity to offer my letter of support. Please contact me for further questions or information.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Patient Care Consulting Services  
The Queen's Medical Center  
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April 9, 2015

Dear Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

This letter is intended to support my application to renew my term as a Director for the Board of Pharmacy. I have served on this Board since 2011. My nomination number is GM 779.

I would like to continue my service in order to continue to support the public's health and safety. I understand that the role of a Board member carries with it three areas of responsibility that include legislative support, adjudicatory decisions and executive decisions on licensing and professional practice. In the last four years, I have become better educated in the various responsibilities I realize there is much more I could learn and contribute.

My current position as an Associate Professor and Chair for the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) helps to give some insight on the training requirements needed for the future practitioners for the state and the profession. Our college also has numerous working relationships with all types of pharmacies and sites and also give me an understanding of the challenges faced by pharmacists and technicians.

In this next term of service, I would continue to work with the rest of the Board to make executive decisions and also to continue with moving certain legislative issues forward for my profession. This past year, the students from the DKICP were successful in amending

the intern pharmacist rule to allow for licensing in the first year of the curriculum. Issues I would like to continue working on with the Board are items like investigating pharmacy technician certification and the need for formalizing drug take back for unused/unwanted medications.

I do not foresee any conflicts in my renewing my term as a Board member. I believe my current role with the DKICP is a neutral position.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carolyn Ma".

Carolyn Ma, PharmD. BCOP  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Dept. of Pharmacy Practice