

GM875

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, DR. KATHRYN TAKETA-WONG for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Board of Naturopathic Medicine

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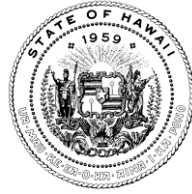
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4/16/2015	S	Received.
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4/16/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-22-15 8:30AM in conference room 016.



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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. 875.

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

My name is Constance Cabral and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 875, regarding the **appointment** of Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Taketa-Wong's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Taketa-Wong is being appointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed in Hawaii since September 19, 2011, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

She is currently an interim board member and has had excellent attendance at the Board's meetings, having attended all since her interim appointment began on July 1, 2014. Dr. Taketa-Wong comes to meetings well prepared, having read and

reviewed all materials and documents provided to Board members prior to meetings. Her active participation during meeting discussions is a testament to this fact. Owing to her experience as a practitioner, Dr. Taketa-Wong is able to participate in discussions relating to complicated issues before the Board. By bringing her knowledge, background and expertise to these discussions, she offers a unique perspective. Because of this, the Board has had the necessary information and knowledge on which to base its decisions on matters ranging from legislative issues to applications for licensure.

We believe that Dr. Taketa-Wong'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 Dr. Taketa-Wong to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: [David Kern](#)
To: [CPN Testimony](#)
Subject: Nomination of Dr. Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., L.Ac.
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 4:13:24 PM

Aloha,

My name is David Kern, naturopathic physician. I was previously vice-chair, for eight years, of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and past president, for four years, of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians.

I am writing in support of the nomination for permanent member of Dr. Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., L.Ac., to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I have known Dr. Taketa-Wong for the last five years. She reflects the best of attributes as a carrying, intelligent, thoughtful, articulate physician of outstanding character and judgement. She has already contributed greatly to our profession and to the Hawaii community at large in the field of autism. I know she will bring the same high standards of integrity and commitment as a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. Kathryn is the future of our profession and the best of medicine in her commitment to excellence in how she conducts her practice, her business and her life. She would continue to be a great asset to our Board and a great representative of our profession.

Sincerely,

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Letter of Recommendation

April 21, 2015

To: Chairperson Rosalind Baker, Vice Chair Scott Saito, and members of the Senate Consumer Protection Committee

Re: nomination number GM875 for Kathryn Taketa-Wong, ND, LAc for Board of Naturopathic Medicine

I met Dr. Taketa-Wong at a meeting 5 years ago and was immediately impressed with her intelligence and professionalism. As time went on and my respect for her continued to grow, I encouraged her to apply for a position on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine as I felt she was dedicated to continuing the Board's momentum toward a high quality and accountability for naturopathic physicians and would positively influence decisions that would shape healthcare for the residents of our state.

I strongly commend her for your ratification of her nomination.

Mahalo,

Michael Traub, ND

Kathryn Taketa-Wong
Board of Naturopathic Medicine nominee
Nomination number GM875

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
 - To help protect consumer and public safety by ensuring licensees, licensure requirements and other matters overseen by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine meet high standards

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
 - To adequately determine the requirements for licensure and ensure that licensees meet those requirements
 - To advise on matters coming before the Board given my knowledge of and experience in the profession

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
 - To insure that those individuals licensed have and continue to fulfill the educational requirements to safely work within their scope of practice

- (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 have served on the legislative committee for the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians for the last two years. Prior to moving to Hawaii, I worked with the American Association of Naturopathic Medicine and Oregon Association of Naturopathic Medicine on legislative issues pertaining to naturopathic medicine. My familiarity with the legislative process will aid in my ability to represent the Board and work with legislators to ensure public safety in matters pertaining to naturopathic medicine.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - To ensure that licensees of naturopathic medicine in the state of Hawaii practice safely and within their scope of practice
 - To ensure that legislation pertaining to naturopathic medicine is in the best interest of the people of Hawaii

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

- Ethical – in my private practice, I hold myself to high ethical standards in all private and professional matters. I have done so even at times when doing so required me to sacrifice financial gain. The Board will benefit by having a member who is completely committed to working ethically.
- Thorough – I have attention to detail and make sure that I do a thorough, complete and quality job with anything I commit myself to.
- Open-minded – I carefully listen to all perspectives and input, weighing all sides before making decisions. I make sure I listen even when others present perspectives I disagree with, and try to understand the rationale behind their argument.

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

- I have served as an interim member of the Board for the past few months so have already contributed to decisions and actions of the Board. I believe that other members of the Board can testify that I have been a helpful addition to this organization.

(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?

- There may be conflicts of interest if I personally know parties involved in disciplinary actions that come before the Board. In these cases I plan to excuse myself to avoid conflicts of interests influencing my decisions as a Board member.