Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Monday, March 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

On the following measure:
G.M. 643, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL JAFFE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Randy Ho, and I am an Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Michael Jaffe, D.O., to the Board as a licensed osteopathic member.

Dr. Jaffe was appointed to the Board in 2019 and has attended all but three meetings since his appointment. He has held a current, active, and unencumbered osteopathic medical license in the State of Hawaii since February 2017. Dr. Jaffe is a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (DO, 1991) and completed his graduate medical education training in physical medicine and rehabilitation with Wayne State University at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in 1996. He is board certified in both physical medicine and rehabilitation and pain management.

Dr. Jaffe has most recently been practicing physical medicine and rehabilitation at Hawaii Brain and Spine since 2018. His professional and community service experience is admirable and includes serving in various capacities with the Federation of State Medical Boards, Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, American Board of Pain Management and Rehabilitation, and other organizations. Furthermore, Dr. Jaffe embodies his belief in holistic and comprehensive health as an accomplished mountaineer and endurance athlete.

Since serving on the Board from 2019, Dr. Jaffe comes well prepared to all meetings, is highly engaged in Board discussions, and accurately applies statutes, administrative rules, and policies to all agenda matters. The Board believes that Dr.

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Jaffe's interest in serving on the Board, professional expertise, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.