

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1897

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 2025

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 535

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 535, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

G.M. No. 535 DEBORAH MCMENEMY,
for a term to expire 06-30-2026,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Deborah McMenemy for service on the Board of Acupuncture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Deborah McMenemy from the Board of Acupuncture and seven individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. McMenemy's experience, knowledge, and proven leadership on the Board of Acupuncture qualify her for reappointment to the Board as a licensee member. Your Committee notes that Ms. McMenemy has been a licensed acupuncturist in Hawaii since 2010 and is the owner of Wailuku Community Acupuncture, a nonprofit that operates a community style clinic, where she also works as an acupuncturist and cares for patients. Your Committee further notes that Ms. McMenemy has served on the Board of Acupuncture since 2019, and is the current Chairperson for the Board. According to testimony, as the Chairperson, Ms. McMenemy effectively facilitates Board meetings and provides valuable insight and

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perspective to Board discussions. Your Committee also notes that Ms. McMenemy volunteers to testify on behalf of the Board at legislative hearings and researches important matters to ensure the Board is able to make informed decisions. Ms. McMenemy is also active in a number of other professional organizations, including the Hawaii Acupuncture Association and volunteers with Maui Medic Response. Accordingly, your Committee finds that Ms. McMenemy's extensive experience and knowledge will continue to be assets to the Board of Acupuncture. Your Committee therefore recommends that Deborah McMenemy be reappointed to the Board of Acupuncture based on her background, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



BARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



