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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Monday, March 30, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:
**G.M. 587, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
ROBERT WOTRING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029.**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Robert Wotring, M.D. to the Hawaii Medical Board.

Dr. Wotring holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Baylor University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where he also completed his pediatric residency and served as Chief Resident in Pediatrics. He has practiced as a general pediatrician at Kauai Medical Clinic in Lihue since 1993 and has been board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics since 1993, with current certification and good standing. His long-term practice in Hawai'i indicates sustained experience with direct patient care and the local health care environment.

He has maintained professional involvement through membership in the Christian Medical and Dental Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He also holds several leadership and governance roles, including Chief of the Medical Staff at Wilcox Medical Center, Board Chair and member of the Kauai Medical Clinic Board of Directors, membership on the Wilcox Medical Center and Hawai'i Pacific Health boards, Board Chair and member of the Malama Pono Health Services Board of Directors, and service on the Practitioners Advisory Committee for Aloha Care. These positions show experience in health care oversight, policy, and administration that is relevant to board service.

For these reasons, the Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Wotring to the Hawai'i Medical Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/30/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth Amaro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please accept my testimony in strong support of Dr. Robert Wotring's nomination to the Hawai'i Medical Board.

I have known Dr. Wotring since 1995 when he became the pediatrician for my first-born. He was the family pediatrician for both of my children, and I always had complete confidence in the care and counsel he provided.

After the birth of my son in 1995, who was undiagnosed as deaf until the age of 1 year, Dr. Wotring offered to advocate with Wilcox Hospital in Līhu'e for an infant hearing screening program to be implemented. He allowed me to provide testimony to the decision-makers involved, so that I could share how different our son's first year could have been had he been diagnosed immediately with hearing loss. This effort ultimately succeeded, due to the advocacy, care and compassion of Dr. Wotring.

It is a pleasure to see Dr. Wotring active in community affairs on our island, continuing to provide leadership in the quest to deliver the best possible medical care to the people of Kaua'i. He would no doubt bring invaluable insight, knowledge and guidance to the important work of the Hawai'i Medical Board.

Your support for his confirmation is much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Beth Amaro, Līhu'e, Kauai

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Testimony for CPN on 3/30/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Geris Q Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to submit written testimony in support of Dr. Robert Wotring who is being considered for confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board and whose term would expire on 6/30/2029. I am a retired Pediatrician and former Hawai'i Medical Board member as the Kauai physician representative--I practiced on Kauai from 1981 through 2023. I have known and worked with Dr. Wotring since the early 1990s as he came to Kauai to help us in Pediatrics after Hurricane Iniki. Dr. Wotring is an outstanding Pediatrician who is extremely well known in our community for the incredible job he has done on Kauai for over 3 decades. He is much loved by his patients and their families. The medical community holds him in high regard as well as he currently serves as the Wilcox Hospital Chief of Staff. I can strongly recommend him for this position of serving on the Hawai'i Medical Board as the Kauai physician representative.

Thanks so much, Dr. Geris Young