

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 483,
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Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 483 and 484, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN NATUROPATHY

G.M. No. 483 MICHELE M. IKEDA,
for a term to expire 6-30-2007; and

G.M. No. 484 DAVID R. KERN,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received no testimony in support of the nominations of MICHELE M. IKEDA or DAVID R. KERN.

As a nominee to one of two public member seats to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy, Ms. Ikeda has over thirty-five years of administrative experience in the public and private sectors. This experience includes five years of administrative support at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. Currently, Ms. Ikeda works as an administrative assistant at Townscape, Inc.

Dr. Kern is a licensed naturopathic physician in this State with over twenty-five years of clinical experience. Currently, Dr. Kern is actively engaged in private practice as the founder of Grace Health Clinic, Inc. and Grace Health Center on Maui. He is also involved in advancing the profession as a Steering Committee



member of Maui Memorial Medical Center's Complementary and Alternative Medicine Division and as a member of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Naturopathic Advisory Committee. Upon appointment to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy, Dr. Kern will resign from the Naturopathic Advisory Committee.

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

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



RON MENOR, Chair



