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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 526,
527, 528

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 526, 527, and 528, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

- G.M. No. 526 NATHANIEL M. APATOV, RN, CRNA, Ph.D.,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010.;
- G.M. No. 527 STEPHEN A. KULA, Ph.D.,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010; and
- G.M. No. 528 CECILIA P.S. MUKAI, Ph.D.,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon reviewing the personal histories submitted by the nominees, your Committee finds Nathaniel M. Apatov, RN, CRNA, Ph.D.; Stephen A. Kula, Ph.D.; and Cecilia P.S. Mukai, Ph.D to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to the State Board of Nursing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Dr. Nathaniel M. Apatov's nomination from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Dr. Apatov has a Doctorate in Neuroscience and a Master of Science in Nursing from the Uniformed Services University of



Health Sciences, a Master of Health Science from Texas Wesleyan University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Pace University, and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Rockland Community College. Dr. Apatov is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and is currently serving the Director of the Phase II Clinical Anesthesia Program at Tripler Army Medical Center and as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas at Houston and the Uniformed Services University. His prior work experience includes serving as the Assistant Director of Phase II; an Instructor and Assistant Program Director of the Anesthesia Branch of the Academy of Health Sciences; a Staff Nurse Anesthetist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, DeWitt Army Hospital, and the 21st Evacuation Hospital in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; and Head Nurse at Keller Army Community Hospital in West Point, New York.

Dr. Apatov is the chair and a former vice chair of the Council on Certification of Anesthetists Nurse, President of the Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, International Anesthesia Research Society, and American Pain Society. Dr. Apatov has received numerous military awards and distinctions. He is widely published and has made presentations on various topics related to pain and anesthesiology.

Dr. Apatov has already proved to be a valued contributor to the Board as evidenced by the Board's solicitation of his opinions and expertise. Given his experience, knowledge, and skills, your Committee finds he is highly qualified to serve on the State Board of Nursing representing registered nurses on Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Dr. Stephen A. Kula's nomination from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Dr. Kula has a Doctorate in Business Administration from Kennedy Western University; a Master of Science in Production Management, Avian Medicine and a Bachelor of Science in Avian Science from Colorado State University; and an Associate in Arts from Leeward College.

Dr. Kula is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator and is certificated by the Department of Education as Hawaii Professional Staff. He has over twenty-two years of senior-level executive management experience in both nonprofit and private companies and



is currently the Director of Long-Term Care for AIG Hawaii Insurance Company, Inc, and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Business Administration of Hawaii Pacific University. His previous work experience includes the positions of Executive Director for The Arc in Hawaii; President, Chief Executive, Operational, and Financial Officer of Hospice Hawaii, Inc.; Senior Administrative Employee of Sisters of the Sacred Hearts and Sacred Hearts Academy; Owner, Consultant, and Teacher for PersonAll Programmings; and a lobbyist for United Egg Producers.

Dr. Kula is the treasurer of Hawaii Youth Challenge, a facilitator for Holy Trinity Church Pastoral Council, and a member of the National Council of Hospice Professionals. He is a past-president of the Hawaii State Hospice Network and a past-board member of the Hawaii State Board of Nursing, Pacific Health Ministries of Hawaii, and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, for which he served as the chair of the Home Care and Hospice Division.

Your Committee finds that Dr. Kula's extensive experience is evidence of his qualification to serve as a public member of the State Board of Nursing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Dr. Cecilia P.S. Mukai's nomination from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Dr. Mukai has a Doctorate of Educational Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Hawaii and a Master of Science in Nursing from Yale University. She is licensed as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, an Advanced Practice Nurse (APRN) and a Registered Nurse (RN) by the Hawaii State Board of Nursing, and a Professional Cardio Pulmonary Respiration administrator by the American Heart Association.

Dr. Mukai is the Director and Nursing Department Chair of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, where she previously served as an Associate Professor and Instructor of Nursing. She has also taught as an Assistant Professor and Instructor of Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Mukai is also a family nurse practitioner for Dr. Kevin Kurohara in Hilo. She has also worked as a nurse and nurse practitioner, an accreditation site administrator, and an expert witness on nursing.



Dr. Mukai is on the board of directors of Hawaii Island AHEC "Ke Anuenue", the advisory boards of the State AHEC and Public Health Nursing-Hawaii Island Branch, and a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and the Lanakila Funlife Program. She has been recognized with awards from a variety of organizations for her accomplishments and has published and presented several articles.

Your Committee finds that Dr. Mukai's training and experience make her highly qualified to fill the APRN position on the State Board of Nursing.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that are 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 Affordable
Housing,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



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ESPERO, WILL	✓			
IHARA, JR., LES				✓
SAKAMOTO, NORMAN	✓			
SLOM, SAM				✓
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