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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2008

Thursday, March 6, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 299.**

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 299, regarding the **reappointment** of Nicholas G. Opie, D.C., to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Opie's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Opie is being **reappointed** to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed as a chiropractor since May 20, 1981, and his license is current and in good standing. He has been serving on the Board since July 28, 2004. Dr. Opie previously served on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners from July 12, 1999 to June 30, 2003.

Dr. Opie's attendance at Board meetings is excellent. He is keenly aware of issues that confront the regulatory authority and is prepared to discuss the issues that are on the meeting agendas. He approaches issues with an open-mind.

Having garnered the confidence of his fellow Board members, Dr. Opie has been selected by them, year after year, to represent them as their Chairperson. Such selection is a clear statement by his fellow board members that they have confidence in him as a board member and as one who can lead them.

Further, as Chairperson, Dr. Opie encourages the members to engage in discussions that stimulate meaningful discussion.

We believe that Dr. Opie's interest in serving on the Board, his experience as a licensee, and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Opie to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 25, 2008

Russel S. Kokubun, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capital Room 407  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's message #299; Nomination of Dr. Nicholas G. Opie, DC to  
the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

VIA FACSIMILE: 808-586-6760

Dear Mr. Kokubun:

Please accept this letter as an expression of support to the nomination and appointment of Dr. Nicholas Opie to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I have had the opportunity to witness the dedication and professionalism by which Dr. Opie has presented himself at the annual meetings for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Opie not only has participated as the Hawaiian State Delegate but has played an extremely important role as a test committee member whose responsibility was participating in test development for the national exam which all State Licensing Boards in the US use for licensure.

Dr. Opie has always brought with him a drive to ensure public safety through adequate and appropriate testing and had represented himself and the State of Hawaii in a manner that would make all citizens of the State of Hawaii proud. In the time that I have known Dr. Opie I have also seen him participate with the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board ensuring that Hawaii is well represented with the other regulatory bodies throughout the United States.

His continued participation at your state level and at the national level will lend itself well to ensuring public protection for the state of Hawaii and continue to support reliable testing for the chiropractic profession nationally.

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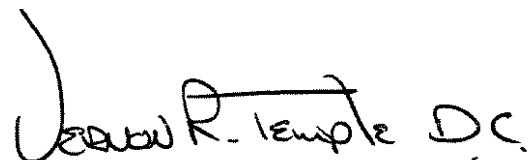
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Please consider this support of Dr. Nicholas Opie to continue as a member of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

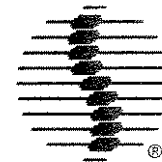
Yours in health,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vernon R. Temple D.C.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a horizontal line underlining the name.

Dr. Vernon R. Temple  
President,  
National Board of Chiropractic Examiners



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February 20, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun  
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RE: Governor Message No. ~~208~~ 299  
Confirmation of Appointment to Hawaii State Board of  
Chiropractic Examiners

Dear Senator Kokubun:

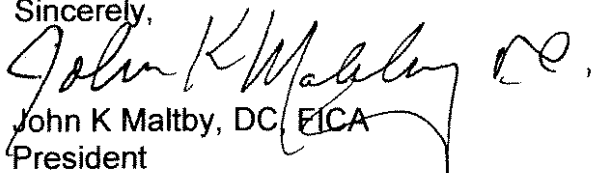
As President of the International Chiropractors Association (ICA), it is my great honor and privilege to recommend the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Dr. Nicholas G. Opie to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Opie for the past several years through various legislative and regulatory activities in his position as a member of the Representative Assembly of the ICA. Dr. Opie has distinguished himself as an individual of great integrity and leadership. His is truly one of the outstanding individual chiropractors in the U.S. and would be a tremendous asset to any Board he would serve on.

I strongly recommend his confirmation without reservation and know that he will serve the fine people of Hawaii well.

If I can provide any other information regarding this matter please don't hesitate to contact me at once.

Sincerely,

  
John K Maltby, DC, FICA  
President  
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February 21, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun  
Chair: Senate Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection & Affordable Housing

TO: The Honorable Senator Russell Kokubun

RE Governor's Message No. 299: Confirmation of Appointment to Hawaii  
State Board of Chiropractic Examiners: **Dr. Nicholas G. Opie, D.C.**

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. Nicholas G. Opie, D.C., who is being considered by your committee for appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have known Dr. Opie for seven years. He has participated on the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Part IV Test Selection Committee, and represented the State of Hawaii as a chiropractic examiner for the administration of the National Board's practical examination for licensure since 2002.

Dr. Opie is a seasoned and competent clinician, and has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities while participating in various National Board functions. In my view, Dr. Opie has done an excellent job representing the best interests of Hawaiian consumers of chiropractic health services.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Opie to your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Townsend, D.C." in a cursive style.

Paul Townsend, D.C.  
Director of Practical Testing  
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PDT:djb

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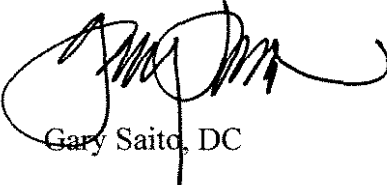
Senator Russell Kokubun  
Chair, House CPH Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 407  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I recommend the confirmation of Dr. Nicholas Opie to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I have known Dr. Opie for 22 years as a colleague and have the utmost respect for him as a person and as a professional.

Dr. Opie has served on the board in the past as a board member and also as its chair and was an asset during his tenure. In my capacity as a practitioner and now as the President and Executive Director of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, I am able to state with certainty that Dr. Opie represents the best in our profession and I believe his confirmation will strengthen the chiropractic board.

Sincerely,



Gary Saito, DC

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KEVIN SMITH, D.C.

February 19, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun  
Chair: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Senator Russell Kokubun

RE: Governor Message No. 299: Confirmation of Appointment to Hawaii State Board  
of Chiropractic Examiners: Dr. Nicholas G. Opie, D.C.

Dear Senator Kokubun:

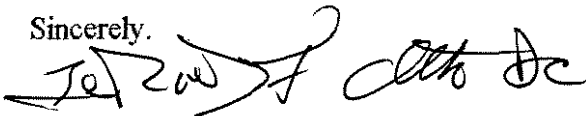
I strongly recommend that your committee confirm Governor Lingle's appointment of  
Dr. Nicholas G. Opie to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have worked with and observed Dr. Opie as he has represented Hawaii nationally at the  
Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board in an excellent manor.

Secondly, Dr. Opie has had excellent participation in the development and administration  
of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners practical examination. By participating  
two times per year, he insures that candidates who wish to practice in Hawaii meet the  
highest of standards by passing this examination.

He will be a superior asset to public protection in your state.

Sincerely,



LeRoy F. Otto, D.C., Chief Examiner, National Board of Chiropractic Examiners,  
District II Director, Executive Board Chairman, Federation of  
Chiropractic Licensing Board.

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20 February 2008

Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
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**RE: Governor's Message No. 299: Nomination of Dr. Nicholas G. Opie, DC to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

Dear Senator Kokubun;

It is with great honor and distinct pleasure that I write to you in support of Dr. Opie's appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I have worked with Dr. Opie on several committees and have served with him as delegates to the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the past eight years. Dr. Opie has been a dedicated and responsible member of each committee and has represented the State of Hawaii with dignity and professionalism as it's delegate.

It is the ability of our national organizations to rely upon individuals of high integrity and intelligence that enables us to have such a successful and positive influence on our profession. Dr. Opie is also one of our finest representatives to you. And with that in mind, I am confident that his appointment will only continue to enhance the reputation of the State of Hawaii and the Chiropractic profession.

Most Sincerely,

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**testimony**

**From:** Gina Kim DC [gkdc@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 02, 2008 6:24 PM  
**To:** testimony; Chris Rutkowski  
**Subject:** testimony for Dr. Opie

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Gina Kim, D.C.

808-871-6996

March 3, 2008

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair

Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

RE: Dr. Nick Opie, D.C.'s re-appointment

Dear Senators Kokubun, Ige, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter asking you to please re-appoint Dr. Opie to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. His knowledge of the profession, his leadership skills, willingness to listen to all sides of an issue, and encouraging discussions make him the fantastic Chairman that he currently is on the Board. I thoroughly appreciate his depth of caring, open-mindedness, kindness, and willingness to serve our great State.

As a side note, he saves the State \$26-28, six times per year, because he always drives me back to the Honolulu Airport after meetings, saving the cost of a taxi. He truly is a kind hearted and considerate person.

3/3/2008

Thank you for your serious consideration in re-appointing Dr. Opie. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Gina Kim, D.C.

Board of Chiropractic Examiners Member

# Roy H. Tanaka, D.C.

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February 18, 2008

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Honorable Senator Russell Kokubun

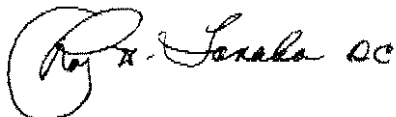
Re: Governor's Message No. 299: Confirmation of Appointment to Hawaii State  
Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Dr. Nicholas G. Opie, D.C.

Dear Senator Kokubun:

Please accept this letter as my strong recommendation that your committee confirm Governor Lingle's appointment of Dr. Nicholas G. Opie to the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have known Dr. Opie for the past 27 years while he was practicing chiropractic in Hawaii. I believe Dr. Opie would provide excellent leadership to protect the people of Hawaii as a Board member for the chiropractic profession.

Sincerely,



Roy H. Tanaka, D.C.