



LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR
JAMES R. AIONA, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

LAWRENCE M. REIFURTH
DIRECTOR
RONALD BOYER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

335 MERCHANT STREET, ROOM 310
P.O. Box 541
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809
Phone Number: (808) 586-2850
Fax Number: (808) 586-2856
www.hawaii.gov/dcca

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Monday, March 31, 2008
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533.

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Lawrence M. Reifurth, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 533, regarding the appointment of Matthew J. Bishop, to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Bishop's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Mr. Bishop and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Bishop, I believe that he possesses the qualifications,

background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Bishop is a licensed Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who is currently employed as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Tripler Army Medical Center. He earned his Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia from Webster University. Mr. Bishop is the current President of the Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists and has served as a past Federal Political Director of the Association.

As a military nurse, Mr. Bishop has served our country with numerous deployments and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Among his military awards and decorations, Mr. Bishop has received the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and Army Commendation medals.

As with many who volunteer their time to serve on a board or commission of this type, Mr. Bishop has volunteered his time to his community as a Venture Scout Instructor.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Bishop's commitment to our country and local community will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Bishop's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Bishop's behalf.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Senate Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Mr. Matthew J. Bishop for a Position on the Hawaii Board of Nursing

1. It is my honor to give my full endorsement for Mr. Matthew Bishop for a position on the Hawaii Board of Nursing. Mr. Bishop has much to offer the Board of Nursing. He has served as the Federal Political Director and Government Relations Chair for the Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists (HANA) for two years prior to being appointed the President of HANA in August 2007. His gained experiences in these roles have given him extensive knowledge in the regulatory and political arenas as well as local issues for the Advanced Practice Nurses. Mr. Bishop is a practicing Nurse Anesthetist at Tripler Army Medical Center and has worked in local hospitals in addition to being a military Nurse Anesthetist in Hawaii.

2. As Chief, Anesthesia Nursing at Tripler Army Medical Center, I have known Mr. Bishop for three years as his supervisor both as a military officer and as a civilian employee. Mr. Bishop has always embodied the Army values of honor, integrity, duty, loyalty, respect and selfless service. A quick, highly intelligent clinician, Mr. Bishop is articulate and well versed in all aspects of Anesthesia Nursing Practice in both the clinical and political realm. He is a mature and focused individual, capable of fulfilling any obligation in a timely and expert manner.

3. Mr. Bishop is a top professional and would be a great asset to the Hawaii Board of Nursing. I give my full endorsement of him for a position on the Hawaii Board of Nursing.



JUDITH A. BOCK
COL, Tripler Army Medical Center
Chief, Anesthesia Nursing &
Resource Management

To: Chair Russell S. Kokubun, Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection & Affordable Housing
From: Matthew J. Bishop, RN, CRNA, MS
Re: Nomination to the State Board of Nursing

I am honored to appear at the Senate Confirmation Hearing today. I am excited at the prospect of working with the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I have met the Board Members at a previous meeting and was impressed by their dedication and drive.

I learned very early in my educational endeavors the value of being involved in more than just the simple course requirements. I discovered that when I went the extra mile or did more than necessary I was rewarded in ways that were very satisfying. It is with that thought that I desire to serve the people of Hawaii on the State Board of Nursing. I want to participate so that I can play a role in continuing to protect the public, advance the nursing profession with evidenced based science, and set a course for the future of nursing.

My past experience in working with professional organizations began when I learned about lobbying for nursing issues as an undergraduate nursing student. I was impressed at how open the legislators were and how much information they requested from me. Since that time I have gone on to become an active member in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. I have also been heavily involved in the Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists, serving for two years as their Federal Political Director and currently as the President.

My history in the medical profession began as an Emergency Medical Technician prior to earning my Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. I also completed a Masters of Science degree with a specialty in Nurse Anesthesia. I currently work full time as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). I am proud to be a nurse and I value all the education I have received. I feel that balance of my nursing degree and my anesthesia degree make me very well rounded in the art and science of caring for people. I also think this gives me a good perspective on understanding problems that arise between medical groups and how to see both sides of the issue. I feel this will assist me in working with the Board of Nursing.

I have lived in Hawaii for 5 ½ years. In that time I have worked in both military and private hospitals and gotten involved with my local church and community. This is my home and I feel we have many issues that need to be addressed. Health care in Hawaii is dealing with some challenging times. I want to be part of the solution that makes health care safe, dependable, and accessible for all those who live here. We need to utilize the vast amount of technology that is available to us today and make health care safer for all. While moving forward I feel it is most important to never forget that when we are making decisions that will affect others, we must always remember that we are dealing with peoples lives!

I thank the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing for considering my Nomination.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Matthew Bishop, RN, CRNA, MS