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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Friday, April 4, 2008
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 534.

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. 534, regarding the appointment of Amy Stone Murai, to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports Ms. Murai's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to her appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Ms. Murai and her candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with her about the Board and her interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Ms. Murai, I believe that she possesses the qualifications,

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Ms. Murai's commitment to our community as well as to her chosen field of professional service will prove to be an asset to the State through service on the Board of Nursing. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Ms. Murai's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Ms. Murai's behalf.

Testimony of
Frank P. Richardson
Executive Director of Government Relations

Before:
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing
The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

April 4, 2008
9:30 am
Conference Room 229

**GM 534 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
STATE BOARD OF NURSING, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AMY STONE MURAI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011**

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on GM 534, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, Amy Stone Murai, for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this nomination.

Knowing Amy Stone Murai to be a person of high integrity who has worked tirelessly and skillfully to promote the cause of quality healthcare delivery in the State of Hawaii, and as a person possessing voluminous knowledge regarding nursing issues and rules and regulations governing and affecting nursing practice in the State of Hawaii, Kaiser Hawaii strongly supports this nomination of Amy Stone Murai to a position on the State Board of Nursing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Email Testimony for Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing
Hearing on April 4, 2008, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 229

April 2, 2008

Letter of Recommendation for Amy Stone-Murai

It is with extreme pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Amy Stone-Murai to be confirmed to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I have had the privilege and honor to work very closely with Mrs. Stone-Murai for the past eight (8) years on the site-based management board for my high school, the Moanalua High School Community Council. She is a truly outstanding council member, a skilled and dedicated professional, and a very caring and compassionate person.

Amy Stone-Murai is best described as a beacon of wisdom and insight. She is extremely bright, intelligent, and hard working. She has a passion for all that she does. And everything she does - she does extremely well. She has a wealth of experiences that provide her a solid foundation to excel in any capacity and in any position. Her achievements and her successes can be attributed to being people centered – placing the best interests of others first, and her belief that excellence is the target and that it is achieved through careful planning, optimal levels of support, resources, and effective communication.

Amy Stone-Murai is a team player. She poses exceptional interpersonal skills and excellent communication skills. She is very organized, very responsible and reliable, and she has exceptional follow through on all work projects and assignments. She also has a wonderful sense of humor that touches everyone that she meets and works with.

Amy Stone-Murai is one of the most outstanding individuals that I have ever met. She will be an exceptional member of your board. She is deserving of your highest consideration. She has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

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TO: The Honorable Senator Russell S. Kokubun and
Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

FROM: Olivia Castro, APRN, MPH, MSN, RN

DATE: April 2, 2008

RE: Testimony in Support of the Nomination of AMY STONE MURAI to the State Board of Nursing

It is with supreme confidence and pleasure that I submit this testimony supporting Amy Stone Murai to be confirmed to the State Board of Nursing. I have known Ms. Murai in a professional capacity since 1989 when she was hired as a Nurse Practitioner at Kaiser Permanente to provide Ob-Gyn Services. Her integrity, professionalism and highly competent patient care have earned her the respect of her colleagues both at Kaiser Permanente and in the community.

In the past decade, whenever questions about law or regulation came up about nursing practice (in my capacity as Director of Ambulatory Nursing Practice at Kaiser Permanente until my retirement in 2007) it was Ms. Murai to whom I turned to delve into the regulatory world for the information that would be needed to formulate issues and responses. She effectively articulates her findings and concerns, listens to the many sides of the matter at hand, and asks probing questions to get to the root of the problem. She was instrumental in drafting letters to the State Board of Nursing seeking clarity on nursing scope of practice issues.

Ms. Murai has regularly attended the Board of Nursing meetings, as a guest, whenever nursing practice standards were on the agenda, first with the rules related to APRNs, then rule setting for the scope of practice for RNs and LPNs, and most recently with rules related to delegation of nursing tasks. She has an excellent command of the English language, plus the knowledge of the regulatory processes and terminology that enable her to effectively recommend statutory language that accomplishes the intent of the members of the State Board of Nursing.

In closing, I am positive that with Ms. Murai as a member of the State Board of Nursing, the Board will have an active and effective member, knowledgeable about the many facets of nursing, to address whatever matters and opportunities come before the Board.

Most Sincerely,

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Re: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing
State Board of Nursing Nominee Amy Stone Murai
Hearing date: April 4, 2008
Time: 9:30 am

Dear Senator Russell S. Kokubun and Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in support of Amy Stone Murai's nomination to the State Board of Nursing. Amy and I have known each other for approximately 18 years while both employed as Advance Practice Registered Nurses at Kaiser Permanente. During this time I have had the opportunity to observe Amy provide direct patient care as a Nurse Practitioner, participate in health related research studies, function as a liaison between the Board of Nursing and Kaiser and provide in-service training to nursing staff. In addition, for the past 5 years Amy and I have worked together closely as members of an Ambulatory Nursing Practice team that addressed nursing practice issues at Kaiser both on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

As a nurse practitioner Amy provides excellent patient care and works collaboratively with physicians and other health care professionals. She is well respected by her colleagues and a valuable resource for both clinical questions and practice issues. Amy is intelligent, articulate, an expert clinician and a true patient advocate. Her advocacy extends from the exam room all the way to the state level as demonstrated by her regular attendance at the State Board of Nursing meetings even prior to role as liaison. Most recently she has been instrumental in assisting the Board with proposed rule changes to help clarify the role of the nurse and promote quality health care for the people of Hawaii.

Amy's specialized advanced education, clinical competency, broad nursing experiences, knowledge of state and federal health care regulation and passion for providing patients with the highest quality of care is testimony that she would be an asset to the State Board of Nursing.

In my 28 years of nursing I have met many nurses. A few nurses stand out and Amy is one of those nurses. I am confident that if she is selected to be a member of the State Board of Nursing, that the qualities and passion she will bring to the position will make a difference for patients in the State of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to share with you my thoughts.

Sincerely,
Susan Amina, APRN