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**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009**

Friday, March 6, 2009
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 255.

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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. 255, regarding the confirmation of James S. Hoban, Jr., MBA, to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Hoban's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Hoban, who is being nominated to the Board as a public member, has been an interim appointee from July 1, 2008 to present. He is a diligent and contributing member and is rapidly familiarizing himself with the role of the Board and his role as a Board member. He is learning well all Board procedures, protocol, its statutes and rules, and gives unselfishly of his time to the Board. Mr. Hoban provides the Board with valuable perspectives as the lay consumer member.

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The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. James S. Hoban, Jr. to the Board of Nursing, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Conference Room 229
March 6, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Testimony in support of GM 255.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of GM 255, which nominates James Hoban to the State Board of Nursing.

Mr. Hoban is a co-owner of Prime Care Services Hawaii, a Medicare-certified home health agency, and serves as its Chief Financial Officer. The financial aspect of the business is intertwined with the services that it provides, including comprehensive evaluations, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, medical social services, and services provided by home health aides.

Mr. Hoban earned a B.A. in biology from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. from Chaminade University. He retired from federal civil service after serving as the comptroller for Intelligence Center Pacific, U.S. Pacific Command, which had an operating budget in excess of \$18,000,000 annually.

As a community volunteer, he has served as a past-president and current member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset, a director of the St. Ann's Church Choir, a past co-chair of the American Cancer Society "Boots on the Beach," and a member of the fundraising committee for the School Of Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Mr. Hoban has been nominated to the Board of Nursing as a public member. His experiences have uniquely qualified him for this position, as he brings a perspective of the general public that is backed by an understanding of the health care environment.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 255.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Commerce & Consumer Protection
Committee
5th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Re: Information Requested for Senate Confirmation

On May 7, 2008, I was appointed by Governor Lingle to serve as a member of the State Board of Nursing, on an interim basis. Confirmation by the Senate is required and I submit the following information pursuant to your request.

- 1) Resume (attached with 5 references with titles name of organizations and contact numbers)
- 2) A written statement address the following questions:
 - a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Nursing?
I would like to be considered for participation as a board member on the State of Hawaii Board of Nursing as a public member. I believe that my experience in both the public sector and private business give me a unique perspective on the medical field especially as concerns nursing.
 - b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Nursing?

I am acutely aware of the pending nursing shortage and need for a long term perspective. I would like to be part of that process.
 - c) Given your understanding of the board's role, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

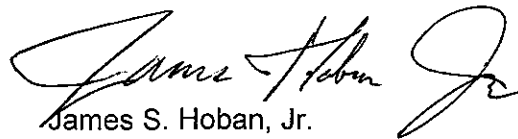
I am the Chief Financial Officer for Prime Care Services Hawaii, Inc. While I oversee the financial end of the company, I am also well aware that patient care is our priority in the home. The financial aspect of the business is intertwined with the services PCSH provides, i.e., comprehensive evaluations, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, medical social services and home health aides.
 - d) Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decisionmaking ability as a member of the Board of Nursing and verify your qualifications to serve on the board.

As stated above, as Chief Financial Officer I am familiar with the services that PCSH provides. When initiating services, we send a registered nurse or physical therapist to complete an evaluation. A case manager is assigned to coordinate home care services.

Many times we get referrals because of a recent acute episode that needed hospitalization, a recent injury due to accident or surgery, a complication from multiple diagnoses, a high-risk disorder with frequent hospitalization, lack of support for a patient who lives alone, treatment that needs on-going care like catheter changes or tube feeding, and chronic problems that need monitoring by a professional and special medication that is administered intravenously or by injection. The Board of Nursing is called upon to address these and many other issues. Working in an environment such as PCSH provides me with valuable insight to the problems that face the board. My financial management background also brings a logical, business perspective to the table that serves the consumer as well.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Hoban, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James S. Hoban, Jr.

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April 8, 2008

Boards and Commissions
Office of the Governor
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Application for position on State Board of Nursing

Dear Office of the Governor;

I would like to be considered for participation as a board member on the State of Hawaii Board of Nursing as a public member. I believe that my experience in the both the public sector and private business gives me a unique perspective on the medical field, especially as concerns nursing. I believe that my service could be a valuable asset to the Board.

Background

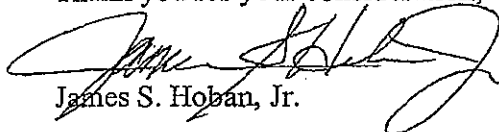
Upon graduation from the University of Illinois, Chicago with a BA in Biology, my wife and I moved to Hawaii in 1973. I received my MBA from Chaminade University in 1978. I retired from Federal Civil Service in 1994 after serving as the Comptroller for Intelligence Center Pacific, Camp Smith with \$150,000,000 in plant and equipment and an annual operating budget in excess of \$18,000,000/year. Since 1994, my wife and I have owned Prime Care Services Hawaii, Inc., a Licensed Medicare Certified Home Healthcare Agency. I am the Chief Financial Officer.

I am a past-president and currently a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset, Director of the St. Ann's Church Choir, past co-chair of the American Cancer Society "Boots on the Beach" and a member of the fund raising committee for the University Of Hawaii School Of Nursing, Manoa.

Goals

I believe that I bring a strong financial background to the board. My knowledge and active participation within the community gives me an understanding of the needs of both the professionals and the general public. I am acutely aware of the pending nursing shortage and need for a long term perspective. I would like to be part of that process.

Thank you for your consideration,


James S. Hoban, Jr.

References

Rose Anne Poyzer, RN
[REDACTED]

Laura Steelquist, President, Hawaii Islands Medical
[REDACTED]

Judge Circuit Court, Reynaldo Gaulty
[REDACTED]

Stephen Kula, Ph.D., NHA, Organ Donors of Hawaii
[REDACTED]

Kathleen Yokouchi, Executive Officer *Board of Nursing*
[REDACTED]