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Regular Session of 2009

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 461.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Candace Ito, Executive Officer for the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy ("Board"). The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 461, regarding the **appointment** of Kevin R. Gibson, N.D. to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Gibson's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Gibson has been serving on the Board as an interim appointee since May 7, 2008 as a licensee member. He has been licensed in Hawaii as a naturopathic physician since October 22, 2002, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Since his interim appointment, Dr. Gibson has been a reliable member who attends the Board's meetings regularly. He is familiar with the Board's laws and rules and is learning his role and responsibilities as a Board member. Dr. Gibson uses his experience in practicing naturopathic medicine to contribute to discussions at Board meetings. Dr. Gibson's experience as a naturopathic physician and his desire to contribute to the community is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Gibson to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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From: kevin gibson [kevin@mahalo.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 2:21 PM
To: baker1 - Karen
Cc: Sen. Roz Baker; Eric Arquero
Subject: RE: GM461, Board Of Examiners In Naturopathy, Necessary Items To Be Received By CPN
Attachments: Board Naturopathy references 09.doc; CV Gibson 2009

March 24, 2009

Dear Senator Baker,

My name is Dr. Kevin Gibson, and I am writing you to present my qualifications for selection as a member of the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy.

When first asked to be a member, I was hesitant but honored. After some reflection, I decided the naturopathic profession is too important to me to decline in these times of health care unrest. I feel there are some areas in health care that are misrepresented as naturopathic and some licensed practitioners who may do some harm. I recognize in any licensed healthcare profession there are some fringe personalities that may threaten the health and safety of the public and I feel it is important for me to share my time in helping to prevent any potential harm they may cause.

As a board member I would seek to hear complaints, assess need for discipline and respond to any request asked of me while keeping the protection of the public as my number one priority. I believe my background in working as a Department of Health, Environmental Health Specialist in the water quality and hazardous materials divisions has created a solid foundation in understanding public health and safety.

After ten years in the environmental health and engineering fields I shifted careers by going back to school to become a naturopathic physician and acupuncturist. I left a lucrative and interesting position because I felt the need to do more with my working hours towards the protection of human health and the environment. I know it sounds odd since I was already working in the field, but when I became aware of the philosophical basis of naturopathic medicine and how that could be applied to help individuals who in turn would help themselves, others and the environment; I felt I could have a greater impact as a naturopathic doctor.

I look forward to answering any questions you may have during the hearing and appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Please find my resume and a list of references in the attachments. My resume is also pasted at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Gibson ND, L.Ac., MS

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Dr. Kevin R. Gibson

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List of References for Dr. Kevin Gibson's nomination for
Board of Examiners in Naturopathy, March 23, 2009:

Michael Traub ND
Private Practice, Kailua-Kona
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Richard Rovin MD, ND
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Mark Ferri DO
Private Practice, Kailua
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Laurie Steelsmith ND, L.Ac.
Private Practice, Honolulu
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Tom Leland MD
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Tim Olmstead
Psychologist, spiritual friend
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If you need addresses and/or email information, I would be happy to provide it.