

GM 582

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TIME: 2:45 p.m.
COMMITTEE(S): Committee on Health
ROOM: Conference Room 016
FROM: Roger McKeague

Testimony in support of G.M. No. 582

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha, my name is Roger McKeague and I currently sit as the chair of the Board of Health. Hawaii's Board of Health is the oldest board of health in the nation. While the original functions of the Board were turned over to the Department after statehood, the board was retained as an advisory panel to the Director. Recently, the board has also served to oversee the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant that is administered by the Department. This grant is used in the funding of the Injury Prevention and Control Program; I have spent the last few years on the Board and am always impressed by the work accomplished by the Injury Prevention group.

As an advisory board, we often provide input to the director that she can use in assessing and implementing her decisions. I wish to continue my service on the Board for another term. The board is currently discussing expanding its role to assist in supporting the Department. I hope that we can define and implement this expanded support. I have a strong legal and legislative background with the ability to make decisions based on the bottom line. I believe that these qualities are helpful in advising the director. Having previously worked in the department in the director's office, I have experience and knowledge of the department that can be helpful in asking specific questions about current policies and actions. I don't foresee any potential conflicts arising but if any should surface, they would be easily overcome by providing full disclosure of any potential conflicts to any interested parties.

I have attached my résumé and references and am available for any questions that you might have. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I humbly ask for your support in my confirmation to the Board of Health.