



GOV. MSG. NO. 188

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **NURSING, State Board of:**

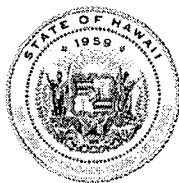
Matthew J. Bishop

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

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Thursday, February 25, 2010
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 188.

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

My name is Kathy Yokouchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 188, regarding the **reappointment** of Matthew Bishop to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Bishop's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Bishop is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed as an APRN since November 13, 2007, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2007, and his commitment to safe nursing practice has enabled him to quickly understand the purpose of the Board and his role as a licensee member. Mr. Bishop is current Chair of the Practice Committee. He possesses the ability to focus on the issues and actively

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participate in discussions. He represents the nursing sector well and his desire to continue to serve as a licensee member is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Bishop to the Board of Nursing and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

I am writing to give my continued support of Mr. Matt Bishop CRNA, MS. Please reappoint him for another term as a member of the Hawaii Board of Nursing. Mr Bishop is a great asset to the BON. He is dedicated, intelligent, and articulate and has a selfless desire to help this body with issues concerning the Nurses of Hawaii. I have the privilege to working with Mr. Bishop on a daily basis and he is a compassionate and caring individual, who puts in many tireless hours to be current with issues and thus represents us with vigor and steadfastness. I would hope that you reconfirm him for another term. Respectfully submitted.

Thomas H Joslyn, CRNA, MS;
President of the Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Members of the committee, let me start by apologizing for not being able to attend the hearing, prior travel commitments had already been made. I appreciate the opportunity to express my feelings and abilities that I have to continue to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Nursing.

I have served for the last two years on the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. In some ways I feel I am just getting my feet wet and also feel that a lot has been accomplished. I feel that I still have a lot to offer the Board and feel a desire to continue to serve. What I would most like to offer as my best reason to continue to serve on the board is the support of the Executive Office of the Board, Kathleen Yokouchi. She still feels that I have many things to offer to the Board and is willing to continue to work with me.

I feel my main role on the Board of Nursing is to protect the consumer of healthcare. That is done by representing nurses and making sure that they function in their professional roles properly. I serve on the Board as the Co-Chair of the practice committee. In that role I address issues that arise regarding the practice of nursing. One of the major projects we have been working on is to continue to advance the practice of nursing in the state of Hawaii.

At any given time there are various issues that arise on the Board of Nursing. One of the main issues that we are dealing with right now is trying to advance the practice of all nurses in the state by adopting more of a national standard that is being promoted by the National Council on State Boards of Nursing. This means changing our current Nurse Practice Act and making it more in line with nationally accepted standards regarding the training, education, and practice of nursing. One of the main things we need to address these problems is support from those above the State Board of Nursing, to include our legislators and other government offices. At a time when access to healthcare and cost issues are at the forefront of our national government, Hawaii needs to step forward and not get into "turf" battles with other health care providers to limit the practice of nurses. Every action the Board of Nursing takes involves the backing of evidenced based research regarding advancing nursing practice. The Board takes their charges very seriously and welcomes dialog with all invested parties to come to agreement for the best practices to be in place to protect the healthcare consumer.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you. Please feel free to contact me with any particular questions or concerns you have regarding my statements. I feel it an honor to serve the people of Hawaii in this capacity and hope to serve for another term.