



GOV. MSG. NO. 189

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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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:**

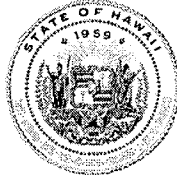
Stephen A. Kula PhD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

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

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 189.**

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 ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 189, regarding the **reappointment** of Stephen Kula, Ph.D. to the Board of Nursing. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kula's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Kula is being reappointed to the Board as a public member. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2007. Dr. Kula also served two prior terms from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2005. His extensive administrative experience enabled him to serve as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board. He is able to focus on the issues and actively participate in discussions while retaining his perspective as a public member. He

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represents the public sector well and his desire to continue to serve as a public member  
is an asset to the Board.

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

Testimony  
of  
**Stephen A. Kula, Ph.D., NHA**  
Executive Director, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii  
Before

Honorable, Rosalyn H. Baker Chair; Honorable David Y. Ige, Vice Chair  
and Honorable Members of the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**RE: Conformation of my reappointment to the State Board of Nursing**

I am currently the Chair of the Board and have been for the past two year. It is my responsibility to keep the Board and its subcommittees focused on their missions in education and practice to reviewing our States different nursing programs ensuring they are successful in educating our future nurses as well as assuring that our nurses have the most current and appropriate rules and guidelines for practicing their profession and at the same time holding them accountable to these rules and guidelines.

Having served on the Board for many years I have seen a lot of things done and not done and I would like the Bill for an Act to adopt the NCSBN Model Nurse Practice Act (MNPA) and the Model Nursing Administrative Rules (MNAR) introduced this session, as well as the Proposed APRN scope/Rx rules which are currently in the administrative review process to their conclusions and implementation.

The Board in my opinion has several major issues it must face in the coming years but the priority for us should be in the implementation of the APRN RX rules, the adoption of the NCSBN practices and rules, and the creation of both a continuing education program and a diversion program for the nursing profession.

**I humbly ask your conformation of my appointment - Thank you.**