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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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GOVERNOR

March 31, 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:

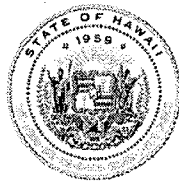
In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Hawaii Medical Board**:

Carl K. Yorita

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 404.

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Ronald Boyer, Acting Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 404, regarding the appointment of Carl Yorita, M.D., to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Yorita's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Dr. Yorita and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Dr. Yorita, I believe that he possesses the qualifications,

background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Dr. Yorita was valedictorian of his graduating class at University High School, where he was the senior level Science Fair winner and school representative to the State Science Fairs. Dr. Yorita attended Northwestern University and earned early admission to medical school. He graduated from the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco.

Dr. Yorita began his medical career after graduating from medical school in 1972, when he did his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Queen's Medical Center. Dr. Yorita has been practicing medicine for the past 38 years.

In addition to the medical care that he provides to Hawaii's residents, Dr. Yorita also provides medical care to the brave men and women in our armed forces. Dr. Yorita has served in the Medical Corps in the Hawaii Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve, and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Dr. Yorita is currently a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Dr. Yorita's service to our community does not stop with those in the armed forces, he has also dedicated much of his limited free time to mentoring our future leaders by serving as a State Science Fair judge. Dr. Yorita also helps the Department ensure that the quality of physicians practicing in Hawaii remains high by serving as Advisory Committee Member (ACM). As an ACM, Dr. Yorita reviews complaints against health care providers and analyzes voluminous medical files to render a fair, unbiased,

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and accurate advisory opinion that the Department and Hawaii Medical Board considers when prosecuting and adjudicating the complaints.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Yorita will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Yorita's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Dr. Yorita's behalf.



CARL K. YORITA, M.D.

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April 8, 2010

Hawaii State Senator Rosalyn M. Baker
VIA FAX 586 6071

RE: Appointment to the State Board of Medical Examiners

Dear Senator Baker:

Attached to this fax is a copy of my curriculum vitae.

As per section 2 of your letter of April 7, 2010, the following are responses to the respective questions:

1. I want to be a member of this Board to serve the people of Hawaii.
2. As a Board member, my primary role would be to uphold applicable laws.
3. This questions ties in with the third section concerning expertise and qualifications. I have practiced medicine in Hawaii since 1972, and have gained a significant understanding about health care delivery in this state and nation. For approximately 25 years, I have served this State in an uncompensated, unrecognized and confidential position as a medical/legal advisor to the DCCA, RICO division. As an expert witness, I have had significant exposure to the legal processes involved with health care delivery.

Should you have any further queries, please do let me know.

Sincerely,

Carl K. Yorita, M.D.

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