

GM 405



GOV. MSG. NO. 405

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
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:

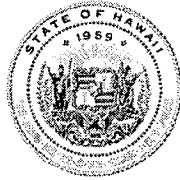
In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Naturopathic Medicine**:

David R. Kern

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE



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JAMES R. AIONA, JR.
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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 405.

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

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 405, regarding the **reappointment** of David R. Kern, N.D., to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kern's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Kern is being reappointed as a naturopathic physician member. He has been licensed since March 4, 1985, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Kern is a reliable member and has attended all of the Board's meetings. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2006, and is currently the Board's Vice Chairperson. Dr. Kern prepares for each meeting and actively participates in discussions. He is a diligent member who continues to contribute his expertise in naturopathic medicine in matters that are before the Board. Dr. Kern's experience as a naturopathic physician, his continued interest in serving on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community make him an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kern to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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From: Michael Traub [michaeltraub@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 4:09 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony for GM 405

MEASURE: GM 405 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID R. KERN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Baker:

I am Michael Traub, ND, and I serve as Chair of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I have had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Kern during his present term on the Board, a time which you know has been challenging as the naturopathic profession has sought and achieved a major modernization of its scope of practice. Dr. Kern brings to the Board his many years of experience practicing in Hawaii, and perhaps a better grasp of the issues facing the profession and the Board than any other ND in the state. His contributions to the Board have been extremely valuable, and I urge you to confirm the nomination for his re-appointment.

Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

Michael Traub, ND

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From: Natural Choices for Women [info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 1:34 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: SUPPORT for GM 405

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of Dr. David Kern for reappointment to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I have served with him on the BMN, and find him to be knowledgeable, competent and fair in matters which are brought to his attention. Thank you for the opportunity to submit supportive testimony.
Dr. Laurie Steelsmith

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From: Allison Bachlet [drallisonbachlet@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 1:45 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: testimony in support of Dr. David Kern - GM 406 for April 13, 2010

Hello there,

I am writing to support the nomination of Dr. David Kern to the Board of Examiners of Naturopathic Medicine. As a relatively new ND to the state of Hawaii I have found Dr. Kern to be a knowledgeable and supportive member of the board. His experience and excellent in Naturopathic Medicine makes him a natural leader in this field and I feel confident that he will continue to serve the Board of examiners well.

Thank you, Dr. Allison Bachlet

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 8:26 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: arensdora001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for GM405 on 4/13/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for CPN 4/13/2010 9:30:00 AM GM405

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alfred M. Arensdorf, MD
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Submitted on: 4/9/2010

Comments:

Dr. Kern has been an active member of the Maui Mayor's Council on Health and represents a devotion to preventive and primary health care.



Hawaii Consortium for Integrative Healthcare

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Rachael Wong, MPH
Executive Director

Date: April 12, 2010

Re: GM 405 - Nomination of David R. Kern, ND to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine
9:30 AM, April 13, 2010 Hearing in Conference Room 016

I am writing to provide a brief character reference for David R. Kern, ND, who is under consideration for reappointment to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I have only known Dr. Kern since December 2009, but during this short period I have interacted with him numerous times in his capacity as the President of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP).

As a guest at a HSNP meeting, I learned firsthand about Dr. Kern's knowledge and experience in the naturopathic medical field, his willingness to mentor junior physicians, and the thoughtful leadership he provides to both the organization and the practice of naturopathic medicine in Hawai'i. Dr. Kern has demonstrated a great willingness to collaborate across disciplines to improve the delivery of safe, efficacious health care in the state, and his perspective, expertise, and leadership would benefit the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and its work.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit testimony for this hearing. If additional information is needed, please contact me at rwong@hawaiiconsortium.org or 808-888-5053.

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From: central.ijc@gmail.com on behalf of Dr. Ian Cholewa [drcholewa@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 3:26 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony - GM 405

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Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID R. KERN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

I am Dr. Ian Cholewa, licensed naturopathic physician. I am writing in support of re-appointment of Dr. David Kern to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathic Medicine. I have closely worked with Dr. David Kern since 2002. Dr. Kern displays highest professional standards and is greatly respected within the naturopathic community and the general public. He is not only an outstanding naturopathic physician but also a distinguished lecturer and educator. Dr. Kern is, without a doubt, one of the most qualified candidates for the position.

Regards,
Dr. Ian Cholewa

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Nomination to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathic Medicine 2010

Dr. David R. Kern, N.D.,L.Ac.

- I am requesting reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Naturopathic Medicine to continue the contribution I have made over the last four years in assisting in rewriting rules and regulations for our new law, as well as, an updating of our Code of Ethics. I wish to continue to play an integral role in the management and oversight of our profession for the benefit of our profession and the people of Hawaii. I bring considerable experience as a naturopathic physician with over 30 years of clinical practice, the past 25 years in Hawaii. I bring integrity and the respect of the community as evidenced through my various appointments, honors and associations. I represent a steady voice of reason and commitment to naturopathic medicine in Hawaii and an ability to work with others in a spirit of cooperation.
- My role and responsibilities are to oversee the integrity of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii. To be responsible to the people of Hawaii to insure their safety and exposure to naturopathic medicine occurs through the highest standards of practice as defined in our State law and Code of Ethics.
I am responsible to insure that each candidate for licensure fully meets the criteria to practice in our State and continues to do so once in practice.
- The current major issues/concerns facing the Board is awaiting the completion of the rules process for the rules and regulations we have written in association with our new law passed in 2009 expanding the practice of naturopathic medicine. We are also continuing to refine the requirements and standards attributed to the expanded practice portions of the 2009 law in minor surgery and the formulary. Issues and concerns also involve possible testimony in support of the new law in response to any effort through legislative means or otherwise to change or remove the law as it was written and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kern, N.D.,L.Ac