

GM528

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT KLEIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 528

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Keali'i Lopez, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 528, regarding the appointment of Robert Klein to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Klein's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

The Department has been in contact with Dr. Klein regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on our discussion, I believe that he possesses the

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

Dr. Klein has been committed to the chiropractic profession for more than 30 years. He attended the National College of Chiropractic where he received his Doctor of Chiropractic with Honors and became a licensed chiropractor in the State of Hawaii in 1980. In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Klein has attained the highest level of academic credentials in his profession through his extensive involvement in postgraduate training and instruction, far in excess of the requirements necessary to maintain Hawaii licensure. He also serves as an instructor, lecturer and speaker on numerous topics involving the chiropractic profession both here in Hawaii and on the U.S. mainland.

Dr. Klein has held leadership positions over the years in a number of professional organizations including the Hawaii County Chiropractic Society, Hawaii Chiropractic Association, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, American Chiropractic Association, and ChiroPlan Hawaii, where he currently serves as the Regional Director for Hawaii County.

Dr. Klein is no stranger to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, having served one term on the Board from 2000 to 2004, with one year as Chairman. Additionally, his understanding of the role of regulatory agencies on the chiropractic profession and the public is enhanced by his membership and involvement with the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Dr. Klein's extensive involvement with the community includes Aikido of Hilo, a nonprofit organization which he and his wife established back in 1980. He serves as

the senior teacher of this peaceful art of self-defense and devotes up to 20 hours a week serving the members of the local community and contributing to larger efforts on state, national, and international levels.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Klein 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. Klein's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

HEARING

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Conf Room 229

Chair Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Gary Saito, DC, and I am the current President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Robert Klein has been in active chiropractic practice since 1977, beginning his profession career in Illinois before moving to Hawaii in 1980. He currently practices in Hilo. In addition to his chiropractic practice, Dr. Klein also taught clinical and medical courses in the National College of Chiropractic and lectured on numerous topics of practical interest to chiropractors in Hawaii.

Dr. Klein has affiliation with the American Chiropractic Association (ACA), the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedics, and other profession organizations. He is currently the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association's delegate to the ACA. He has served as a member of the State Chiropractic Board of Examiners and was chair of the Board in 2003-2004. He has extensive post-graduate training that keeps him current with current standards of care.

He will be an asset on the Chiropractic Board and comes with the strongest recommendation from the HSCA. **I urge the committee to confirm his nomination.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Saito, DC
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March 29, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00am
Conference Rm: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of GM 528, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Robert Klein.

Dr. Klein is well-respected and has gone above and beyond to keep me and my colleagues informed of current issues affecting our profession at this time. He has served this community for years, and I know he would be an asset for all of us if he is nominated to serve in this role.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 528, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Robert Klein.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Suzanne Schiller, DC
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March 28, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Hearing Time: 9:00am

Conference Rm: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of GM 528, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Robert Klein. I have known Dr. Robert Klein, DC professionally for the past 11 years since I have been in practice as a Chiropractor in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island. Dr Klein has always been a mentor to me and someone that I have called upon in the past for advice in helping me to make professional decisions regarding the practice of Chiropractic in the State of Hawaii. He is someone that I respect as both a Chiropractor and as a person. He is an individual that has unquestionable ethics and standards. In short, Dr Klein is someone that I would want to represent our profession on the state and national level.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 528, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Robert Klein.

Sincerely,

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March 25, 2011

Testimony Regarding Dr. Robert Klein

This is a letter of support for Dr. Klein to become a member of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I have known Dr. Klein both professionally and as a patient for nearly 20 years. His professionalism is of the highest caliber. He is highly intellectual, a critical thinker and a perceptive clinician. His behavior has always been ethical and he is an active member of the community at large here in Hilo.

I believe he would be an excellent choice for the Board because of his integrity and his strong commitment to maintaining quality within his profession. I know of no other chiropractor I could give as high a recommendation.

Feel free to contact me personally if there are any other concerns.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alice Adee, M.D.

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March 15, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Dear Sen. Baker and Committee Members:

I am honored to be selected by the governor to serve on our State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I welcome this opportunity to serve both our state and the health profession to which my life is devoted.

I previously had the good fortune to serve one term on this board (2000-2004), so I have gained some insight into why the board exists and how it functions. The main purpose of this type of regulatory agency is to protect the public by assuring that all licensees meet certain standards set by statute and regulation. Suspension or revocation of a license is not easily done, making the standards for initially granting a license that much more important. Ultimately, the board members work within the existing rules, often with the help of the Attorney General's counsel, and use good judgment in carrying out the job of evaluating candidates for licensure and considering complaints against existing licensees.

Special qualifications I bring to this post include over 30 years of practice experience, academic credentials among the highest in my profession, post-graduate teaching experience, decades of involvement in professional organizations and my past experience in this position. I humbly seek your approval to again serve the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Klein, D.C., F.A.C.O.