

GM595

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Acupuncture, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE HASHIMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Acupuncture

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REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:15 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 595.

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

My name is Christine Rutkowski and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Acupuncture, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 595, regarding the appointment of Michael Hashimoto, D.Ac. to the Board of Acupuncture ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Hashimoto's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Hashimoto has served on the Board as an interim appointee since December 2, 2010, as a licensee member. Dr. Hashimoto has been licensed since January 1, 1986, and his license is current and in good standing.

Since his appointment, the Board has met twice and Dr. Hashimoto attended both meetings. Dr. Hashimoto had previously served on the Board for a total of 3 terms or 12 years overall. Indeed, Dr. Hashimoto has demonstrated his commitment to the community and to his profession. Further, during his previous tenure, Board members showed their confidence in his leadership abilities by selecting Dr. Hashimoto to lead them as their Chairperson.

During Board meetings, Dr. Hashimoto actively contributes to discussions by sharing his viewpoints of matters involving the acupuncture profession as well as the issues impacting today's healthcare system. Such active participation is clear indication that Dr. Hashimoto is knowledgeable about the issues that the Board faces and that he has prepared for the agenda matters.

The Department believes that Dr. Hashimoto's interest in continuing to serve on the Board, his active experience in the profession and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Michael Hashimoto, D.Ac. to the Board of Acupuncture, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Committee on Commerce Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairperson

RE: Re-nomination for the Board of Acupuncture

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

My Name is Dr. Mike M. Hashimoto, born in Japan and naturalized citizen and have been practicing acupuncture and Oriental medicine for past forty one years in Hawaii.

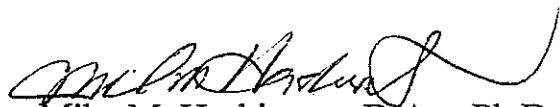
Since acupuncture law enacted in 1974, I have been focused on develop and educate acupuncture profession in the State by formalized Hawaii Acupuncture Association (then Hawaii Association of Certified Acupuncturists) in 1976. I am consecutively member and served as Continuing Education Committee Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and President.

As public service, I served member of the State Board of Massage in 1973 and State Board of Acupuncture in 1983. I was re-appointed for State Board of Acupuncture in 1990 and served through 2007.

Additional experience in educational fields was Dean of Academic Affairs at Oriental Medical Institute of Hawaii in 1983 through 1998.

I believe my organizational skills, public education and responsibility is capable to protect the public in general through auspice and improvement of the State Rules and Regulations of Acupuncture.

Sincerely yours,



Mike M. Hashimoto, D.Ac., Ph.D.