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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 679

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 679, regarding the appointment of Sharon Bintliff to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Bintliff's appointment and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to her appointment to the Board.

I have spoken with Dr. Bintliff regarding her candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with her, I believe that she 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. Bintliff has practiced medicine in the State of Hawaii, both as an academic and in clinical and community practice, for nearly fifty years. She continues to serve as Clinical Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics and was formerly the Chairperson of the Department of Pediatrics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) at the University of Hawaii. In her clinical practice, Dr. Bintliff recently served as the Medical Director of the Emergency Department of Hale Ho'ola Hamakua Hospital, a position to which she retired on January 1, 2011. She also served as the Medical Director of the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital's emergency department, the Medical Director of Waimano Training School and Hospital, and the Director of the Pediatric Birth Defects Center at University of Hawaii.

Dr. Bintliff received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rice University and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in anatomy from the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston. She continued with her medical studies, receiving a M.D. with honors from the University of Washington's School of Medicine. Dr. Bintliff is the recipient of numerous awards and positions of national significance in her profession, including serving as the President of the American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) Hawaii Chapter and on the steering committee for ACEP's national organization. She currently is a member of national ACEP's ethics committee.

Dr. Bintliff's extensive community involvement includes serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Hawaii Women and Children's Services and Planned Parenthood of Hawaii. She has also served as a board member of the State Ethics Commission, a member of the Governor's State Planning Council on Disabilities, a

member of the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth, and was named as a delegate to the White House Conference on Families.

Considering her extensive experience, illustrious accomplishments, and passionate commitment to public and community service, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Bintliff will prove to be a valuable asset to the State through her service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Bintliff's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony by Dr. Sharon Shay Bintliff
Candidate for Hawaii Medical Board

1. I want to be a member of the Hawaii Medical Board because I deeply believe in giving back something for all I have received from the State of Hawaii in my 47 years living here. Community service is a deeply held value of mine and I feel that I am qualified to serve. My first career in Pediatric Birth Defects and then another in Emergency Medicine provide me with an unusual expertise in administrative skills and medical practice that I hope will benefit the Hawaii Medical Board.
2. The role/responsibilities are to be present at all meetings (excepting real emergencies) and to be prepared to deal with the business of the board as scheduled for that meeting.. Our primary responsibility is to safeguard the public by strictly adhering to the rules and regulations that govern the licensing and practice of medicine.
3. My qualifications include almost 50 years in the practice of medicine, both in academic medicine and community practice. As Chairperson of the Dept. of Pediatrics at the UH John A Burns Medical School and Medical Director of several hospital Emergency Departments, I understood the importance of input from "others" with whom I worked, and also the value of good communication skills, which I am fortunate to have.. Respect for all members of the board is critical even though we may disagree on certain matters. Lastly, I always have been deeply committed to the role and responsibility of physicians and medical practitioners to abide by the rules of practice in their state, and to report flagrant malpractice by any of their colleagues. We all have a major responsibility to protect the people of Hawaii in these matters.
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