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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD MINATOYA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Pharmacy

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 683

WRITTEN ONLY

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. 683, regarding the appointment of Richard Minatoya to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Minatoya'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 Mr. Minatoya regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with him, 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.

No stranger to the Board of Pharmacy, Mr. Minatoya previously served eight years as a member, including two years as the Chair. During his tenure on the Board, Mr. Minatoya drafted legislation along with extensive amendments to the administrative rules. As a public member to the Board, he is a passionate advocate for consumer safety and rights, making sure that pharmacists practicing in Hawaii are properly qualified and licensed and that the licensees, pharmacies, and distributors of medical gasses comply with the applicable laws and rules.

Mr. Minatoya currently serves as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Supervisor of the Appellate and Asset Forfeiture Division of the Maui Department of Prosecuting Attorney where he handles criminal appellate cases to the State appellate courts, Hawaii Rules of Penal Procedure Rule 40 petitions, federal *habeas* cases and appeals, and asset forfeiture matters before the State Attorney General and circuit courts. He previously served as the Deputy Corporation Counsel to the County of Maui, the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kauai, and as an elected Councilmember for the County of Kauai.

Mr. Minatoya attended Kauai High School and graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He received a Juris Doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1992. Mr. Minatoya also finds the time to devote to community service, serving on the Boards of Directors for the Kiwanis Club of Kahului, USC Hawaii Alumni Club, and the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.

Considering his extensive experience, accomplishments, and passionate commitment to public and community service, I am confident that if given the

opportunity, Mr. Minatoya will prove to be a valuable asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection recommend that the full Senate advise and consent to Mr. Minatoya's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Via Email

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Re: GM683; Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee, Richard Minatoya to the Board of Pharmacy; April 13, 2011
at 9:15 a.m., Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I am the Office Manager for Kiefer & Garneau LLC, a law firm on Maui and have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Minatoya for twenty years. He is smart, ethical and has always possessed a strong desire towards public service as evidenced by his prior tenures as a Kauai County Councilman, First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kauai and Deputy Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui. Richard's extensive legal background and his current position as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui in charge of the County's asset forfeiture program will make him a valuable addition to the Board. For these reasons, I whole heartedly support his nomination without hesitation.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



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Comments:

I am in support of Mr. Richard Minatoya being appointed to the Board of Pharmacy. I have know Mr. Minatoya for the past 10 years and find him to be a man of the highest value and ethics. He would be a tremendous asset and will serve well on this board. So, I am asking for your full support to please confirm Mr. Minatoya to serve on the Board of Pharmacy.