

# GM507

## KATHLEEN KANG- KAULUPALI

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN KANG-KAULUPALI, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Report Title: State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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3/7/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-15-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Thursday, March 15, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 507.**

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 507, regarding the appointment of Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Kang-Kaulupali's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has served on the Board as an interim appointee since May 6, 2011 and is being appointed as a public member.

Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has attended 3 of 4 meetings. Through her active participation during the Board's discussions, Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has shown that she

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has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas and that she is knowledgeable about the issues that the Board faces.

The Department believes that Ms. Kang-Kaulupali's interest in serving on the Board and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**TESTIMONY: GM 507, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN KANG-KAULUPALI, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Thursday, March 15, 2012

9:30AM

Conference Room 229  
State Capitol

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. Papa Ola Lokahi (POL) strongly supports the appointment of Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has dedicated her professional life to improving our island community by her commitment to the health and wellbeing of our island people. As a professional pharmacist, she has distinguished herself in the Western traditions of health care while, at the same time, has become one of our greatly valued practitioners of traditional laau lapaau as a haumana of Papa Henry Auwae. Her presence on the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners will give it great strength in its ability to assess and evaluate.

Papa Ola Lokahi is so pleased that Ms. Kang-Kaulupali is being considered for this position. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure on her behalf.



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March 12, 2012

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senate District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: in Strong Support of Dr. Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali's Nomination to the State Board of  
Chiropractic Examiners (BOCE)

Dear Chair Baker:

I am writing you to express my strong support of Dr. Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for a term to expire 6-3-2013. I have known Dr. Kang-Kaulupali for many years and, had the privilege of working with her for several years in her capacity as Pharmaceutical Consultant in the State QUEST Program.

She is also the tireless coordinator of the Hawaii Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Panel and continues to participate actively in the American and Hawaii Pharmacists Associations, as well as in other professional organizations.

Over the years, Dr. Kang-Kaulupali has struck me as an independent and fair-minded person. She is willing to listen and will dispense profession opinions that are honest, consistent and informed.

I feel her strong character, personal integrity, discipline and willingness to take on difficult challenges will make her a strong contributor to the BOCE. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 286-2617.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Loke".

Matthew Loke, Ph.D.  
Visiting Colleague

LORI ONAGA  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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March 12, 2012

Senator Roz Baker  
Chair of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senatorial District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Brian Taniguchi  
Vice-Chair of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senatorial District 10  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators:

My name is Lori Onaga, and I am a licensed social worker. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 507 to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I have known Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali for approximately two years, while employed with the Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division, Health Care Services Branch, Member and Provider Relations Section. My job responsibilities include the monitoring and managing of contract agreement provisions impacting Medicaid populations and providers in accordance with Federal and State requirements. In my capacity, I frequently consult with Kathleen on both member pharmaceutical issues and the State contracted Health Plans pharmacy appeal and grievance policies and procedures. Kathleen has always been accessible and willing to share her knowledge with me, and she provides me with comprehensive and constructive feedback. She understands and is a strong advocate for Hawaii's Medicaid population and the challenges they face, and she is constantly looking for ways to better service them. Foremost, she is able to integrate her knowledge of both State and National pharmaceutical and other related healthcare issues with Hawaii's unique population. Her positive energy and caring and patient demeanor will make her a valuable asset to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Kathleen T. Kang-Kaulupali.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Onaga, LSW

March 13, 2012

Senator Roz Baker  
Chair of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senatorial District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Brian Taniguchi  
Vice-Chair of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senatorial District 10  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Dr. Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali's Nomination to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you as a personal friend and former coworker of Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali, PharmD whose confirmation for appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BOCE) will be on March 15, 2012. I have known Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali for many years and strongly support her nomination to the BOCE as a public member.

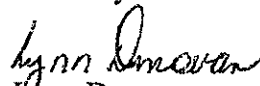
We worked together closely for over 10 years at the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division. She is a member of the American Drug Utilization Review Society (ADURS) and other local and national professional pharmacy associations.

She is a person of high integrity and moral character who will take her position as a Board member very seriously. She will consider all the information on issues in order to make fair decisions. She will be an active participant who will ask questions and voice her opinions.

Her many years of experience as a pharmacist in different settings and her willingness to serve her community will make her a valuable BOCE member.

I think the Board and the State would truly benefit from her appointment. If you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 237-8476.

Sincerely

  
Lynn Donovan

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I would like to recommend Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali for appointment as a Public Member to the Hawai'i Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have known Kathleen for more than fifteen years, as haumana of Papa Henry 'Auwae, the Master Native Hawaiian practitioner of la'au lapa'au. She has always shown great interest in traditional healing and is one of the foremost examples of Papa's teaching. She has great ability and conducts herself in all circumstances, with integrity and grace.

Kathleen is one of the most naturally bright persons I have ever met. Certainly, her educational background is impressive. In our conversations, she has always shown an understanding and concern for current affairs, especially in the field of public health.

Please feel free to contact me, should you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Howden, L.Ac.  
Present Chair, Hawaii Board of Acupuncture



Kathleen T. Kang-Kaulupali, Pharm. D.  
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February 15, 2012

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senatorial District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Rosalyn Baker,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered as a member of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I wish to volunteer as a public member on the Board as one way that I might be of assistance for the larger community that I live in.

I do understand the role and responsibilities of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners having discussed them with a chiropractor familiar with the Board and its proceedings. As a public member, I will be a voice of the community in which the providers practice and an advocate for public safety.

Experiences with other Boards (Board of Pharmacy, Hawaii Pharmacists Association Board of Directors and the Drug Utilization Review Board for Med-QUEST Division) help to qualify me to serve on the Board. As a health care practitioner, I have working knowledge of professional and medical ethics and standards including patient standards of care. As a pharmaceutical consultant, I have working skills and expertise in data analysis, policy research, drafting legislative reports, monitoring for appropriate utilization of drug therapy and provider communications. My decision-making ability in prior and current positions has prepared me to be a possible a board member for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Your support of my confirmation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kathleen T. Kang-Kaulupali, Pharm. D.