

GM511

LYDIA KUMASAKA

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

Report Title: Board of Pharmacy

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1/13/2012	S	Received.
1/18/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/9/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-19-12 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

Monday, March 19, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 511.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 511, regarding the appointment of Lydia Kumasaka to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Kumasaka's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Kumasaka has served on the Board as an interim appointee since July 12, 2011 and is being appointed as a public member. She has been a licensed registered nurse since March 1985 and advanced practice registered nurse since February 1998 and her licenses are current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Kumasaka has attended 6 of 9 meetings since her appointment. She is prepared for the meetings and participates in discussions. Ms. Kumasaka is well

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respected by the other Board members and as a public member in a related health care field, she is able to understand the issues being addressed by the Board. Her contribution to the Board is greatly appreciated.

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

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Lydia Kumasaka to the Board of Pharmacy and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
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March 13, 2012

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Lydia Kumasaka to the Board of Pharmacy. I am the Medical Director of the Pain & Palliative Care Department at The Queen's Medical Center and have known and directly observed Ms. Kumasaka for the last 8 years in her capacity as an Advanced Practice Nurse and then Manager of our Department.

Ms. Kumasaka has over 25 years experience in nursing, most of it in the pharmacologically complex field of pain and symptom management. Ms. Kumasaka has abundant clinical experience with our most complex patients including the elderly, the terminally ill, and the chemically dependent. As an Advanced Practice Nurse, Ms. Kumasaka routinely collaborated with physicians, pharmacists, nurses, therapists, patients and families to promote best possible health outcomes. As a manager, Ms. Kumasaka has demonstrated superior abilities to collaborate with colleagues, supervise multiple large teams, and work within a highly complex administrative system. In my experience, you will not find a more competent clinician or manager than Ms. Kumasaka. She would be an excellent member of any entity dedicated to patient safety, optimal healthcare delivery, and professionalism.

I recommend Ms. Lydia Kumasaka to you in the strongest terms possible and without reservation. She represents the epitome of the nursing profession in all its facets.

I would be delighted to discuss this outstanding candidate for the Board of Pharmacy should you desire at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Daniel Fischberg, MD, PhD
Medical Director, Pain & Palliative Care

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Carlotta Amerino

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members,

I respectfully wish to submit testimony in strong support of Lydia Kumasaka who has been nominated to the Board of Pharmacy.

I have known Lydia for almost two decades, and consider her a dear friend. She has laughed with me in good times and has helped to keep me grounded during difficult times.

Lydia Kumasaka is a woman with a deep sense of values and integrity. When she commits to something, she gives one hundred percent. I believe that she is up to the challenge of public service and will be a great asset to the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

I fully support Lydia Kumasaka for the Board of Pharmacy for the lay public position. She has been serving as temporary person for the past 6 months and displays the necessary qualities of protecting the public and health consumer interest. Lydia has also exhibited understanding of the pharmacy practice act and the ramifications to the profession and the relationships to other health professionals. I believe she is fully committed to serving on the Board and will fulfill all duties with professionalism and neutrality.

LYDIA M.K.B. KUMASAKA
TESTIMONY
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION (CPN)

Date: 2/15/12

G.M. #: 511

Objective: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, LYDIA M.K.B. KUMASAKA, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Chair Rosalyn Baker and members of the Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee, thank you for considering me to continue working with the Board of Pharmacy.

Personal Statement
Lydia Kumasaka

Why do you want to be a member of the board of pharmacy?

In my role as an APRN, Nurse Manager I longed to volunteer my expertise to the community. Three or Four years ago I found an opportunity to offer my service to the University Of Hawaii School Of Nursing Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee as a community representative. I believe I am making an impact at the school of nursing by offering a valuable hospital based perspective. I continue my passion for community service and was seeking a board to volunteer for. In 2011 I was approached to entertain the thought of applying for the State Board of Pharmacy who was looking for a community member. Being that I have a passion for community service I would like to expand my expertise on quality and patient safety to the community at large.

My understanding of the role and responsibilities of the board:

As an interim community member of the Board of Pharmacy over the last few months I learned that my role and responsibilities are to assist in protecting public health and welfare. During the board meetings we review several topics such as individuals seeking a pharmacy license in the state of Hawaii, companies interested in conducting business in Hawaii, and to review rule and regulations over pharmacy practice in Hawaii. I have found being involved to be very interesting and beneficial. It has given me a better understanding of the role of the pharmacist, how their role impacts the community, and how a regulating entity is necessary to insure the well being of the people of Hawaii.

Why do you believe you are qualified to serve on the board (include skills, expertise or knowledge that would inform your decision-making ability as a board member

For twenty-six (26) years I have worked as a nurse in various capacities. In 1992, I began my practice as an Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in pain management. I worked closely with The Queen's Medical Center Pharmacy Department on various policies that were used to guide safe and appropriate administration of opioids among physicians and nurses. I developed the Standard of Care for Pain Management that guides the practice of the health care team who deals with pain control. I depended on the pharmacy resources that were available to assure medications were ordered appropriately without any adverse side effects. In 2003, I became the Manager of the Pain and Palliative Care Department at The Queen's Medical Center and I continue to work closely with the pharmacy department on various initiatives that affect the organization and the patients we care for. In 2007, I developed a hospital wide documentation and tracking process for pain assessment to meet The Joint Commission pain standards. For the past ten years I planned and organized a state-wide annual conference on pain and palliative care.

Additional information you would like us to share with CPN members:

My vision for the Board of Pharmacy is to offer a broader perspective of what is needed in the health care arena as well as in the community. I am committed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Hawaii.