

# GM515

## MICHAEL WOLTMON

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL WOLTMON, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

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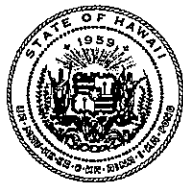
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1/13/2012	S	Received.
1/18/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/9/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-19-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 1, 2012

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Michael Wolton  
Board of Veterinary Examiners

Dear Senator Baker:

I am informed that Michael Wolton has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Board of Veterinary Examiners. I am in strong support of Mr. Wolton's nomination and am sure he will do an exemplary job as a member of the board if approved by your committee.

I have known Mr. Wolton for many years and believe that his experience and commitment will make him a valuable asset to the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with

Sincerely,

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RONALD D. KOUCHI  
Senator – 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

cc: Michael Wolton

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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. 515.**

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 Veterinary Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 515, regarding the appointment of Michael Woltmon, DVM, to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Woltmon's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Woltmon's appointment as an interim appointee started on July 12, 2011, and he is being appointed as a licensee member from Kauai. He has been licensed since October 11, 1978, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

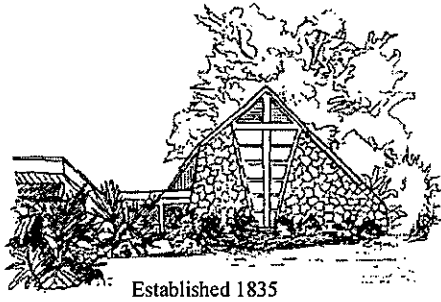
Dr. Woltmon attended his first meeting as a professional member on January 18, 2012. As a veterinarian with thirty-three years of practice in Hawaii, Dr. Woltmon's

comprehensive professional knowledge will be invaluable to the Board's mission as the regulator of Hawaii's veterinarians and protector of the public interest in the field of veterinary science.

Dr. Woltmon's experience on the Chamber of Commerce executive board, Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association executive board, and as a high school athletics coach on Kauai demonstrates his commitment to public service.

The Department believes that Dr. Woltmon's interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the profession, and his desire to contribute to the community will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Michael Woltmon, DVM, to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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March 14, 2012

Senator Roz Baker and Committee:

I am writing in behalf of Michael O. Woltmon, DVM, of Lihue, Kauai. I have known Mike for more than 10 years. I strongly believe that Mike would be perfect to serve on the Veterinary Board of Examiners.

I have always known Mike to be of good and wise character. He is generous and kind and sharing. I am continuously impressed with Mike's intelligence in so many areas. Why? Because Mike is an avid reader and absorbs all that he peruses. Even when we meet for a short while over a cup of coffee, I always come away learning something from him. On the island of Kauai, he is a very well-known and trusted veterinarian to all pet lovers and more. His dedication to the wellness of all animals keeps him in demand. Mike's bedside manner is heartwarming, understanding and patient. He always takes the time to talk with his patients and to explain all that is going on with their pets. I have friends who will see only Dr. Woltmon for those reasons.

Mike Woltmon is one of the hardest workers I know. He seems to always be at his clinic and allows himself to be on 24-hour call so often. He is a smart thinker, is an impressive organizer and is always pleasant. I think his demeanor and intelligence is perfect to serve on the Veterinary Board of Examiners.

Please consider him for one of your Board members.

Thank you.

Penny Osuga  
Koloa Union Church  
Administrative Assistant

Board of Veterinary Examiners Hearing  
March 19,2012  
Chair Senator Roz Baker

Dear Senator Baker,

I support the nomination of Michael O. Woltmon,DVM to serve on the Board of Veterinary Examiners,State of Hawaii.

I have known Dr.Woltman for well over 20 years,and have found him to possess solid ethics and community devotion.As a past chair of the BVE,I believe that he will serve well.

Please confirm Dr.Woltmons nomination.

Sincerely yours,  
Eric Ako DVM

Dear Chair, Senator Baker and committee,

I have been in practice in Hawaii for the past 33 years on the island of Kauai and I feel that working on the board is my way of giving back to the community.

As the practice of veterinary medicine has grown, in knowledge and ability, over the past 3 decades, we need both the modern ability and the historical perspective to be able to best serve the people and animals of Hawaii. Having grown up in Wahiawa and been involved with agriculture during high school working for a veterinarian after school and picking pineapple during the summer months, I feel that I bring that historical perspective to the position and can make sure that we continue to serve the needs of our state's population correctly, from the high rises of Honolulu to the rural areas of Kekaha.

I have worked both locally and internationally in agricultural endeavors. I've provided veterinary services for the past 3+ decades to a multitude of species in Hawaii and have been the part owner and operator of animal production units. These experiences help in evaluating applicants for license in our state, as well as give me the perspective to assist the board in outlining changes needed to better address the needs of the veterinary profession in regards to legislative issues.

Thank you for your consideration and your attention.

Michael O. Woltmon D.V.M.