

# GM516

## MELLISSA YEN

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELLISSA YUEN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

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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. 516.**

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. 516, regarding the appointment of Mellissa Yuen, DVM, to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Yuen's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Yuen's appointment as an interim appointee became effective as of September 15, 2011, and she attended her first meeting on January 18, 2012. She has been licensed since September 8, 2006, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Yuen has actively practiced veterinary medicine at the Waipahu Leeward Veterinary Clinic since 2006 and is accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture. She is the current President of the Honolulu Veterinary Society. In addition, Dr. Yuen has served the community doing volunteer work for the Hawaiian Humane Society, Lokahi Giving Adopt-A-Family Project, Institute for Human Services Meal Program, and Mililani Sunrise Rotary. Dr. Yuen is an invaluable source of information and professional expertise regarding the issues that face the veterinary profession. Her experience in the profession will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

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

To Senator Rosalyn Baker and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I submit this testimony that Mellissa Yuen is a great candidate to serve on the Board of Veterinary Examiners. I have known and worked closely with Mellissa for several years I strongly believe she would be a valuable asset on the Board of Veterinary Examiners. I admire her strong work ethic and ability to bring people together to work for a common goal.

Sincerely,  
Vance Kawakami DVM  
Medical Director  
VCA Kapolei Animal Hospital

Dr. Mellissa Yuen  
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senate District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

February 9, 2012

Dear Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Mellissa Yuen, and currently I am a practicing small animal veterinarian, employed in a thriving small animal veterinary clinic in Waipahu. Veterinary medicine is my passion and it is fueled by my interest in the health and welfare of all animals. The human-animal bond never ceases to amaze me, and it is the motivation behind my interest in all aspects of the veterinary field. As a veterinarian, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to meet clients of various backgrounds, from all over the island of Oahu.

My interests in the field of veterinary medicine also extends to the networking and collaboration of colleagues on Oahu. For the past five years, I have been an active member of the Honolulu Veterinary Society, serving in each position from Treasurer to Vice President, to President-Elect and finally, as the current President for 2012. The Honolulu Veterinary Society serves as a valuable ground for veterinarians to come together for educational purposes combined with social networking, while at the same time promoting family-oriented activities and events.

The culmination of these interests has led me to want to serve on this particular board. I feel that I possess the experience and knowledge required due to my current status as a practicing veterinarian, and as an individual who is interested in the broader scope of my field and how it pertains to my colleagues and my community. As a member of this board, I believe that my role would include, but not be limited to: Regulating the licensure of veterinarians working in this state, monitoring the standard practice of veterinary medicine by my colleagues in the various fields, helping to improve or update the standards which pertain to the practice veterinary medicine, and providing input from the point of view of a practicing veterinarian.

As an active member on the Board of Veterinary Licensing, my vision is to make valuable contributions both with my time and sincere interest in the advancement and continual improvement of the standards which pertain to the field of veterinary medicine. I am motivated to provide input on the current issues facing veterinary medicine today

and to make a positive impact with the best interests of the community I represent in mind. I feel that it is my duty as a veterinarian to be involved with the many facets of this field, and to be part of the Board of Veterinary Licensing is an opportunity to which I will commit myself.

Sincerely,

Mellissa R.L. Yuen, DVM