

GM517

JOHN KAYA

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN KAYA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

Description:

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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. 517.

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. 517, regarding the **reappointment** of John Kaya, DVM, to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kaya's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Kaya has been a licensed veterinarian since August 13, 1999, is currently actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2008, as one of five members who must be a veterinarian who has been licensed to practice for at least

five years and as one of four members who must be a resident of the city and county of Honolulu. He has attended 11 of 12 meetings.

As the Board's Chairperson since October 20, 2010, Dr. Kaya has actively and effectively participated in the Board's proceedings. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, Honolulu Veterinary Society, and Association of Avian Veterinarians, and, as such, contributes special insight into the profession, not only on a local level but also as a liaison to the primary organizations that establish and maintain national professional standards and regulatory criteria. He exemplifies commitment and dedication to his responsibilities as a Board member by his active participation in the periodic updating of examination questions used in the State veterinary licensing examination, by writing new questions and by reviewing, updating, or repealing current examination items. As an exemplary member and effective chairperson, Dr. Kaya shows his awareness of the value of teambuilding, the potency of group dynamics, and his enduring commitment to the Board's mission as the regulator of Hawaii's veterinarians and the protector of the public interest.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of John Kaya, 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 am writing this testimony in support of John Kaya serving on the Board of Veterinary Examiners. I have known John for over nine years and I have always admired his dedication to the Veterinary profession with hard work and his excellent communication skills. Therefore, I strongly support John Kaya serving on the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Sincerely,
Vance Kawakami DVM
Medical Director,
VCA Kapolei Animal Hospital