

GM518

JENEE ODANI

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

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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Monday, March 19, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 518.

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. 518, regarding the appointment of Jenee Odani, DVM, to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Odani's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Odani's appointment as an interim appointee became effective as of September 15, 2011. She has been licensed since September 13, 1999, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Odani attended her first meeting as a professional member on January 18, 2012. She is an invaluable source of information given her extensive involvement

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coordinating the Swine Fever Surveillance cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Veterinary Services. In addition, as the veterinary medical officer at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Laboratory, her knowledge, background, and expertise will assist the Board when making Board decisions.

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

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

March 16, 2012

Senator Roz Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Testimony Regarding Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jenee Odani.

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to recommend that you confirm Dr. Jenee Odani's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Veterinary Examiners. I have known Dr. Odani for the past 5 years. During that time, I have had the good fortune to have worked with her professionally on a number of projects. I have found her to be very personable in her dealings with colleagues and very passionate about veterinary medicine. She strives to bring out the best in people. She also strives to be fair and honest. As the only board certified veterinary pathologist in Hawaii, she is held in high esteem by her colleagues.

I think she will be an asset to the Board of Veterinary Examiners because she is trusted and respected by her peers. She is honest and listens to people when they speak. She isn't afraid to speak her mind on controversial topics. She has amassed a great wealth of experience while working in both the private and public sectors that will help her in dealing transparently and impartially with both the veterinary community and the public.

Sincerely,

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RE: Board of Veterinary Examiners Nominee: Dr. Jenee Odani

As a veterinary medical officer working for the Animal Industry Division for the last 11 years, I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Odani when she joined our office in 2006. Dr. Odani has demonstrated the capacity to investigate challenging diagnostic cases with deep curiosity, attention to detail, and expertise.

I strongly support Dr. Odani's nomination to the Board of Veterinary Examiners because of her ability to approach complex problems with thoughtfulness, logic and enthusiasm.

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Addendum,

In addition to my previous recommendation of Dr. Jenee Odani, I should mention that I have been a veterinarian for over 30 years, a veterinarian with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture for 9 years, a partner and practice owner in Minnesota for 17 years, and an associate at 2 other veterinary clinics. I am the current Vice President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, a position I have held for about 5 years.

I have rarely met a veterinarian more qualified for membership on the Board of Veterinary Examiners than Dr. Jenee Odani.

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----- Forwarded by Edith S Terwey/DOA/StateHiUS on 03/15/2012 02:40 PM -----

From: Edith S Terwey/DOA/StateHiUS
To: CPNTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Date: 03/15/2012 02:00 PM
Subject: Re: Recommendation Board of Veterinary Examiners

Dear Sirs,

I am a veterinarian employed by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture where I work in the Animal Disease Control Branch, Division of Animal Industry. I have had the great privilege of working with Dr. Jenee Odani for the past 5 years, and I can unequivocally and enthusiastically recommend her as a candidate to the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Dr. Odani would be the perfect board member because she is a highly ethical person who excels as a veterinarian, has great interpersonal skills, and is dedicated to maintaining the professional standards of Hawaii veterinarians.

As one of a very few veterinarians who has invested the time and energy to become board certified, Dr. Odani is currently the only actively practicing board certified veterinary pathologist in Hawaii. Dr. Odani is a dedicated team player who is hard-working, people orientated, and who takes pleasure in helping others achieve their goals. Her opinions are actively sought, and she is widely respected by fellow veterinarians and the general public alike. In addition, she understands the local culture and politics because she was born and raised in Hawaii.

I have had numerous opportunities to observe Dr. Odani at the Department of Agriculture. She is a tactful person who works quickly, efficiently, and pays great attention to detail, yet still manages to complete her reports ahead of schedule. Dr. Odani approaches all her work with enthusiasm, energy, and great passion.

Although pathology is her main focus, Dr. Odani has branched out to take on a leadership role in the federal Classical Swine Fever Program. She has applied for cooperative agreements, written work plans, and successfully overseen the operation of the program. Because of her success, she has been chosen to take a large role in the much larger Swine Health Program.

I hope you will chose Dr. Jenee Odani as she will make a wonderful addition to the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Examiners.

PERSONAL STATEMENT
of
JENEE S. ODANI
February 9, 2012

I am honored to be nominated as a member of the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Examiners. Having been born and raised in Hawaii, I care deeply for its people and animals. I am also concerned for the future of my profession and believe that by participating in Board activities, I will have a unique opportunity to help the profession as a whole maintain its reputation of providing ethical, competent service to its clients and to ensure that the best interest of the animals is served.

I have a diverse background in veterinary medicine, which includes 2 years of small animal practice, followed by a residency in Anatomic Pathology, where I worked primarily with livestock and poultry. I am currently the only active, board-certified veterinary pathologist in the state, and currently work for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture as a Veterinary Medical Officer, where I deal with diagnostic and regulatory issues. I have also served as a lecturer for the University of Hawaii-Manoa (*Animal Diseases* and *Anatomy of Domestic Animals*). While living in California, I participated in a large-scale foreign animal disease emergency response (Exotic Newcastle Disease), and also worked with the local Humane Society to provide forensic and clinical assistance. I feel my combined experiences have given me a broader appreciation of the challenges facing the veterinary profession, and I hope that I can be an asset to the Board.

I believe that the Board of Veterinary Examiners plays an important role in ensuring the vitality of the veterinary profession and enhancing its positive presence in the community at large, and I believe that I would be a good fit for this position.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my application.