

GM654

MIKE HASHIMOTO

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Acupuncture, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE HASHIMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Acupuncture

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Current Referral: CPN

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2/21/2012	S	Received.
2/21/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/7/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-15-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2012

Thursday, March 15, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 654.

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

My name is Christine Rutkowski and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Acupuncture, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 654, regarding the **reappointment** of Michael Hashimoto, D.Ac., to the Board of Acupuncture ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Hashimoto's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Hashimoto is being nominated to the Board as a licensee member. He has served on the Board since December 2, 2010. Dr. Hashimoto is a licensed acupuncturist and his license is current and in good standing.

Dr. Hashimoto previously served on the Board for a total of 3 terms or 12 years overall. It is without a doubt that Dr. Hashimoto has demonstrated his commitment to our community and to his profession.

Since being appointed, Dr. Hashimoto has attended all of the Board's meetings. Always prepared for Board meetings, Dr. Hashimoto eagerly participates by sharing firsthand experiences and knowledge that he has attained over the years, regarding the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine. In addition, Board members benefit from his knowledge base on issues that impact the healthcare system as a whole, which in turn stimulates healthy discussion.

The Department believes that Dr. Hashimoto's interest in continuing to serve on the Board, his active experience in the profession and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

The Department supports the confirmation of Michael Hashimoto, D.Ac., to the Board of Acupuncture, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
From: Tony Benabese, Manager of Boards and Commissions
Date: March 15, 2012, 9:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
Re: Testimony on G.M. No. 654
Board of Acupuncture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike Hashimoto

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Mike Hashimoto to the Board of Acupuncture for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

Dr. Hashimoto is presently serving as a member of the Board of Acupuncture. His nomination was presented for confirmation last session by G.M. No. 595 dated March 21, 2011. The expiration date of the term to which Dr. Hashimoto was nominated and confirmed last year should have been June 30, 2012, and not June 30, 2015, as he was nominated in 2011, to complete the term of Ms. Lan Kao who resigned from the Board of Acupuncture in 2010.

G.M. No. 654 is submitted to both correct the mistake we made in G.M. No. 595 last year, and to secure the Senate's confirmation of a full four year appointment for Dr. Hashimoto as a member of the Board of Acupuncture through June 30, 2016.

The Governor respectfully requests that the Committee recommend and report Dr. Hashimoto's nomination to the Board of Acupuncture, to the full Senate for its approval and confirmation.



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February 21, 2012

Committee on Commerce Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairperson

RE: Re-nomination for the Board of Acupuncture

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

My Name is Dr. Mike M. Hashimoto, born in Japan and naturalized citizen and have been practicing acupuncture and Oriental medicine for past forty two years in Hawaii.

Since acupuncture law enacted in 1974, I have been focused on develop and educate acupuncture profession in the State by formalized Hawaii Acupuncture Association (then Hawaii Association of Certified Acupuncturists) in 1976. I served as Continuing Education Committee Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and President.

As public service, I served member of the State Board of Massage in 1973 and State Board of Acupuncture in 1983.

I was re-appointed for State Board of Acupuncture in 1990 and served through 2007.

Additional experience in educational fields was Dean of Academic Affairs at Oriental Medical Institute of Hawaii in 1983 through 1998.

I believe my organizational skills, public education and responsibility is capable to protect the public in general through auspice and improvement of the State Rules and Regulations of Acupuncture.

Sincerely yours,

Mike M. Hashimoto, D.Ac., Ph.D.



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The Honorable Senator Baker, Chairperson
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol

RE: Position Statement of Re-nomination to the Board of Acupuncture

1. The reason I want to continue serving to the board:


As a professional practitioner and to pursue the maintaining acupuncture law, it is my obligation to auspices and stables the legal status of acupuncture practice.

2. Knowing perception of the role and responsibilities of a member of the board:

I have an experience in both a professional and a legal point of view to protect the public.

3. Based on understanding of the board's role, the reason I believed to be qualified to serving on the board:

Based on my past seventeen years experience served on the board, I am capable of obtaining a fair view for the protection of public through refinement of the Administrative Rules.


Mike M. Hashimoto, D.Ac., Ph.D.