

GM736

KAREN SEPT

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN SEPT, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

Description:

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Current Referral: CPN

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2/22/2012	S	Received.
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3/9/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-22-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Thursday, March 22, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 736.

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

My name is Constance Cabral and I am the Executive Officer for the Hawaii Medical Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 736, regarding the appointment of Karen E. Sept, D.O., to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Sept's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Sept has served on the Board as an interim appointee since July 2011 and is being appointed as an osteopathic physician member. She has been licensed since October 14, 1994, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Sept is a reliable member and has attended all but one of the meetings since July 2011. She comes to meetings well prepared and is able to contribute to board

discussions by sharing her thoughts, perceptions and knowledge in various matters ranging from medical malpractice issues to standards of medical practice. Although new to the Board, Dr. Sept fully participates in discussions and asks questions which ultimately help the Board clarify issues before them.

Open-minded and conscientious, Dr. Sept is enthusiastic and committed to serving on the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Karen E. Sept, D.O., to the Hawaii Medical Board and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

To Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chairperson; Committee on Commerce & Consumer
Protection:

This is in support of the nomination of both Dr. Les Barrickman and Dr. Karen
Sept to the HI Board of Medical Examiners.

Sincerely,

Terri Kakugawa, DO.
Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (HAOP&S)
Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Senator Baker;

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Dr. Karen Sept to the Hawaii Medical Board as one of the Osteopathic Physician Members of the Board. She is an excellent osteopathic physician, has figured prominently in osteopathic education nationally, is currently teaching osteopathic medical students in Hawaii, and is very committed to serving the people of Hawaii through her membership on the Hawaii Medical Board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria B. Patten D.O.

Former Vice Chair of Hawaii Medical Board, Member of Hawaii Medical Board 2003-2011.

Associate Physician, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group Acting Chief, Physiatry Service, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

Dear Senator Baker,

I have attached a copy of my resume with references for the confirmation hearing on my nomination to the Hawaii Board of Medicine. It is very important that we maintain a high standard of quality for the physicians providing for the health of our citizens. During my years in the Indian Health Service I was actively involved in peer review for our medical staff. During that time one of our staff lost his license and several of the staff wanted to use the reservation system to allow him to continue to practice. I recognized that although we were fond of the physician in question we could not allow our patients to have a lower standard of care than the patients in the state around us. We were in a health man power shortage area, and firing him meant that we would all be working harder. Along with one of my colleagues I was able to convince our medical staff to do the right thing and in a respectful but clear way we terminated his staff privileges. This difficult experience made it clear to me that we as physicians need to be vigilant in monitoring our own ranks. The medical board is charged with protecting the public from dishonest, unskilled and unqualified practitioners. As an osteopathic physician I feel that I have a special insight into the practice of others in my field. I have a long history of involvement in the education of other osteopaths and an ongoing interest in the provision of the highest quality of medical care in general and osteopathy and alternative medicine in particular.

I would be honored to serve on the medical board.

Sincerely

Karen E. Sept, D.O.