

GM748

LORAIN FLEMING

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, LORAIN FLEMING, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Report Title: State Board of Nursing

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

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 748.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 748, regarding the appointment of Loraine Fleming to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Fleming's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Fleming has been serving as an interim Board member since January 2012. She has been licensed as a Hawaii registered nurse since October 2005 and received her advanced practice registered nurse license in July 2007. As an Assistant Professor with the Hawaii Pacific University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Ms. Fleming's teaching and education background will prove to be invaluable, especially as a member of the Board's Education Committee.

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

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Loraine Fleming to the Board of Nursing and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony for CPN 3/22/2012 9:30:00 AM GM748

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

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Comments:

Lorraine Fleming – Personal Statement

I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the board of nursing for the state of Hawaii. I have been a registered nurse for over 35 years and know the impact nurses have on the lives of not only our patients but also their families and loved ones. It is because nursing can have such a significant effect on the health and well being of our community that I feel committed to promoting and assuring excellence in our professional practices and standards. Participating on the board of nursing will provide an opportunity to influence those standards.

As a member of the board of nursing I will be able to participate in the formulation of rules to carry out laws. I will also participate in assuring that new members of the profession are adequately prepared and qualified. Another important aspect of the board is in determining a nurse's ability to continue to practice if there are issues related to their competence or ethical behavior. As a board member, I will also be in a position to make recommendations regarding proposed legislation that has bearing on the profession and the health care delivery system.

I have a wide-ranging background in nursing. I have worked in many settings and in a number of different nursing roles. My clinical work included inpatient hospitals, outpatient clinics and community settings. I have held nurse leadership roles in hospital administration and have academic experience as an assistant professor of nursing. I consider myself a knowledgeable clinician and teacher. I feel my extensive experience has provided me with a broad view of the issues impacting the profession and adds to my qualification to serve on the board. I am also active in professional organizations; currently I am president of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses' Association and treasurer of the Hawaii Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. Participation in national organization also adds to my qualifications as a representative of the profession. Finally, as a doctoral candidate, I am also demonstrating my belief that nurses must be life long learners since our knowledge base is ever expanding and developing. I feel all of these factors add to my ability to function successfully as a board member and serve as qualifications for the position.

I thank you for your consideration.