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Re: Debra T Kubota – nominee for Board of Physical Therapy, GM 779
Testimony for Advise and Consent

Dear Senators:

I am writing on behalf of Debra T. Kubota's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Physical Therapy. As Chairman of the Department of Neurosciences at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Kubota for over seven years. Ms. Kubota is the Supervisor of Rehabilitation Services at Kaiser and reports to me.

Ms. Kubota's has an impressive background in direct patient care in physical therapy that includes outpatient based therapy and in patient therapy. Given her talent and acumen in her field, she naturally achieved leadership roles as her career progressed. At Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Ms. Kubota oversees our Rehabilitation Service that includes physical therapy, occupational therapy as well as speech therapy. Through her leadership, the programs in our department remain at the forefront of evidence based medicine and reflect the standards put forth by the governing societies of physical therapy. She maintains a collegial and superb relationship with all her staff members.

Ms. Kubota is an excellent role model for all her staff members. She is a tireless worker. She is able to maintain oversight of all our sites not only on Oahu but on the outer islands as well and makes frequent visits to these sites to support and establish a direct relationship with all our staff members.

I have worked with Ms. Kubota on many projects. She tackles each project with enthusiasm and with the utmost of care to make sure that all our goals are met in a timely fashion. She is incredibly dedicated to her work. Her department provides service to many different areas of medicine and she is able to partner with the various leaders of these areas to make sure that her department is providing the services needed. I have received many accolades from other medical department chiefs about Ms. Kubota's efforts to provide the best care possible.

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I have never met anyone who is more passionate, energetic and committed to her area of expertise, that of physical therapy. She is honest and has the highest standards of integrity. All of this is reflected in the respect and admiration that she has from her colleagues and staff members. It is an honor to call her a colleague and friend since we have worked together for so many years.

I recommend Ms. Kubota with the enthusiasm and with the utmost confidence that she would be an asset to the Hawaii State Board of Physical Therapy.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Hearing Date-Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 9:30AM
Debra T. Kubota-nominee for Board of Physical Therapy, GM 779
Testimony for Advice and Consent

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Dear Senator Baker:

Please allow me to briefly introduce myself. My name is Eric Matsumoto, born and raised in Kona, Hawaii, the current Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, a denomination of the Mahayana Buddhist Pure Land Tradition which has a 123 year history with over 30 temples in Hawaii. You may be familiar with some of our projects and programs like Project Dana, Living Treasures of Hawai'i™, Pacific Buddhist Academy and Peace Day.

Today, I would like to submit this Letter of Recommendation for Debra Kubota who has been nominated for the Board of Physical Therapy. I need not elaborate on her academic excellence for her accomplishments such as Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa speak for themselves. Her employment record, initially with the State of Hawaii as a physical therapist, over 10 year involvement with Mid-Pacific Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific and 18 years with Kaiser Permanente shows her commitment and loyalty to firms she has been associated with over the years.

I have been fortunate to have been able to closely work with Debra or Debbie, as we refer to her at temple, for at least a decade. She is very reliable and trustworthy. Her words and ways are cordially, respectful, well contemplated and polite. She has a deep commitment to family, spirituality and community involvement. I, and many others, have always found it a joy to work with her on projects and events like meetings, seminars, conferences and conventions. I have also had the pleasure of working with her husband Alan, a photographer, educator and Scout Master, and also interact with her children who are exemplary fine young people. I believe they are a reflection of their parents who set a fine example for them. I have no doubt that Debra, if accepted to the position, will commit and dedicate herself to her new task and responsibilities as she always has with perseverance, professionalism and excellence. She will not disappoint you. I highly recommend her for the position.

I would like to conclude by expressing my appreciation to you for taking the time to read this recommendation. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

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Dear Senators,

I am writing to you as a personal friend and peer of Mrs. Debra T. Kubota who is a nominee for the PT Board. Tracking number GM 779 and Hearing Date Tuesday April 3, 2012.

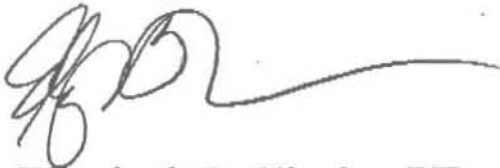
I have known Mrs. Kubota for over 20 years and support her nomination for the position. I have had the honor of working alongside Mrs. Kubota as a PT, have worked with her on the Band Boosters for KIS when she was the treasurer and have been a close friend as well. She is also actively involved in our community with her church, community sports for her children and with all the schools her children have attended.

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Mrs. Kubota is a person of good moral character, honest, trustworthy, dependable and hardworking. She is very dedicated to the PT field being active in our local PT organization, HAPTA. She has been on the PT Liasion Committee since 2005. She continues to work in the field of PT as a Supervisor of Rehab Services for Kaiser. With her involvement in our local PT organization for the betterment of our field of physical therapy, and her experience in a leadership position from her job, she is the perfect candidate for this position and will be a positive addition to the board.

I feel the PT board would truly benefit from having her be a trusted member of the board.

Sincerely,



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