

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 841

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 08 2013

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 609

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 609, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I MEDICAL BOARD

G.M. No. 609      NIRAJ DESAI,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2017,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Niraj Desai to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Hawaii Medical Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Niraj Desai from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Desai's experience as a physician, desire to contribute to the community, and proven leadership on the Hawaii Medical Board qualify him for reappointment to the Hawaii Medical Board. Your Committee notes that Dr. Desai is a kidney specialist in solo practice and has been licensed in Hawaii since 2000. Dr. Desai is the President of the Kauai County Medical Society, serves on the Credentials Committee of Wilcox Memorial Hospital, and has been a member of the Hawaii Medical Board since July 2009. Dr. Desai was previously the Associate Fellowship Director for the University of Chicago Section of Nephrology, and his extensive background and



many years of experience as a practitioner continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawaii Medical Board. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Desai is committed to ensuring that standards of care in the medical field remain appropriate in an era of increasing specialization and complexity and recommends that Dr. Desai be reappointed to the Hawaii Medical Board based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM609</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN</b>	Date: <b>2/27/13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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