

GM512

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, RODNEY CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Naturopathic Medicine

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/22/2013	S	Received.
1/22/2013	S	Referred to CPN.
2/15/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-27-13 10:00AM in conference room 229.



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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 512.

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

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 512, regarding the appointment of Rodney C.Y. Chun, N.D., to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Chun's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Chun has served on the Board as an interim member since July 2, 2012 and is being appointed as a licensee member. He has been licensed as a naturopathic

physician since February 17, 1970, and his license is current, active and in good standing.

Since his interim appointment, there have been two Board meetings, both of which he attended. Dr. Chun's experience as a former Board Chairperson and more than forty years of experience as a naturopathic physician has enabled him to actively participate in meetings. He brings to the Board his knowledge of the field of naturopathic medicine, as well as the history of the Board. Dr. Chun's experience as a naturopathic physician, his continued interest on serving on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Chun to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 14, 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Mr. Rodney C.Y. Chun for over fifty (50) years since we graduated from Iolani School.

During those years, he has demonstrated his ability to understand, determine and formulate solutions for many businesses, fiscal and legal issues that he encountered.

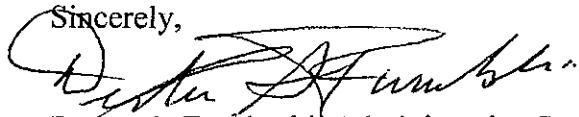
Rodney has been an honest and fair-minded decision maker in both his personal interactions with me and the business situations that I am aware he encountered.

Being a College graduate in Finance/Accounting and Economics with a degree as a Paralegal (Legal Assistant), I know his solutions and abilities to grasp complex business and legal issues is superior.

My 25-year work experience as Contracts Manager, Projects Manager, and Corps of Engineer qualified Contractor Quality Control (CQC) representative makes my experience in judging Mr. Rodney Chun's capability very valid.

For the aforesaid reasons, I am confident in recommending Mr. Rodney C.Y. Chun for the position he is applying for.

Sincerely,



Dexter S. Furuhashi, Administrative Services Assistant –Facilities & Compliance
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation
Dr. Rodney Chun

To: Whom it May Concern

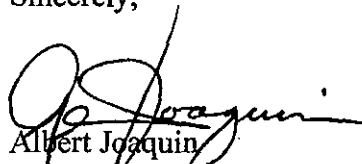
March 13, 2012

I have personally known Dr. Rodney Chun for approximately 23 years both on a professional and personal level.

He is a person with high moral values and a high degree of integrity. As a chiropractor and naturopathic physician he has always demonstrated a sincere and caring attitude towards his profession and his patients. He is truly a credit to his profession and is worthy of trust and confidence.

I highly recommend him for any position of trust.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

3/16/12

Re: Rodney Chun, D.C.
DOB: 4/17/43

Dear Sir:

I am an Internal Medicine Physician who practices at the Paiko Medical Bldg. at Hawaii Medical Center East in Liliha. I have known Dr. Rodney Chun professionally and personally for over 22 years.

Professionally the patient is an very competent and reliable Chiropractor who has practiced his profession for many years. He is well regarded by his colleagues and his patients as a professional and competent and considerate Chiropractor who practices his profession with responsibility and integrity.

Personally, Rodney Chun is a considerate and supportive Family Man who takes excellent care of his Family including his Wife, siblings children and other relatives. His Family looks up to him and respects him for his support and guidance. He has always been very supportive of Traditional Family Values and Community issues that benefit the Community.

I recommend him strongly for any Chiropractic Boards that he may be nominated for now and into the future.

Yours truly,

Wayne Lum, M.D.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 27, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Nomination to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Governor's Message 512

Dr. Rodney C.Y. Chun, D.C., N.D.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine?

I have served the Naturopathic Board since 1971, while still in its early formation. I was involved in helping the Board through several sunset hearings, and were able to get the statute passed. The statute now reflects what we were taught in college. I would like to see the statute further reflect what is taught in the Naturopathic Colleges, and also to use only licensed physicians to practice Naturopathy.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine?

My role would be like a historian. I have helped the Board grow from its early years up to and through the sunset laws. I can provide the Board with an insight as to why the statute was passed. My ample years of practice and serving as a Board member will give understanding and stability.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

I have served the Board for over 16 years, and have practiced Naturopathy for over 44 years. I am highly educated and experienced at how statues are passed and how rules are made. I am able to seek an Attorney General ruling. My years of experience and continuing education over the 44 year duration of my practice has kept me up to date and current on all things related to Naturopathy.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

The goals I seek to accomplish while on the Board are to guide the board through experience so that a Naturopathic physician may practice fully on what is taught in college. I would protect the public from unethical and unlicensed activities, and uphold the Naturopathic statues to the fullest extent.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

1. Ethical – I will protect the public from unethical and unlicensed activities.
2. Patient and Fair – I am open to all topics concerning Naturopathy, and am willing to learn and listen to any and all suggestions and discussions.
3. Knowledge and Experience – I have 44 years of practice, and 20 years with the board. I am open to sharing and the exchange of knowledge that the Board can provide.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

I have 44 years of practice and 16 plus years on the Board.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not see any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the Board.