

# GM608

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL WOLTMON, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

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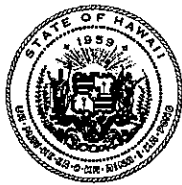
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1/29/2013	S	Received.
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2/15/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-27-13 10:00AM in conference room 229.



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 26, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Michael Woltmon  
Board of Veterinary Examiners

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Dear Senator Baker:

I am informed that Michael Woltmon has been reappointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Board of Veterinary Examiners representing Kauai County. I am in strong support of Mr. Woltmon's nomination and I am sure he will do an exemplary job as a member of the board if approved by your committee.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Mr. Woltmon will become a valuable asset to the Board of Veterinary Examiners with his 33 years of experience and veterinary practice.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI  
Senator – 8<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

cc: Michael Wolton



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PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 608.**

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 608, regarding the **reappointment** of Michael Woltmon, D.V.M., to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Woltmon's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Woltmon's appointment as a licensee member from Kauai began on July 12, 2011. He has been licensed since October 11, 1978, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Woltmon has attended 5 of 6 meetings. As a veterinarian with thirty-four years of practice in Hawaii, Dr. Woltmon's comprehensive professional knowledge will be invaluable to the Board's mission as the regulator of Hawaii's veterinarians and protector of the public interest in the field of veterinary science.

Dr Woltmon's experience on the Chamber of Commerce executive board, Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association executive board and as a high school athletics coach on Kauai demonstrates his commitment to public service.

The Department believes that Dr.Woltmon's interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the profession and desire to contribute to the community will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Michael Woltmon, D.V.M., to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## STATEMENT OF MICHAEL WOLTMON

To the Honorable Senator Baker,

Being on the Board of Veterinary Examiners allows me to continue to give back to both my profession and the community at large. Having served for one year in the capacity of a board member to fill the shoes of a previously appointed Dr., I have found my understanding of the legal and legislative issues affecting my profession expanded.

I see the role of the this board as two fold. The first is to assist the members of my profession follow the legal guidelines as written in Hawaii Law. The second is to participate in guiding legislation that affects the community as it relates to my profession. Having worked in the veterinary profession in Hawaii for the past 45 years, in every capacity from kennel boy to medical/surgical director of a three doctor practice, I have an understanding of the profession and how it is changing in Hawaii and the rest of the U.S. over that period of time. I also feel that my work as both owner and manager of a verterinary practice and one that meets the standards of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) allows me to view the needs of the community and the profession both. I work with multiple doctors and technicians as well as the public daily in my role as director and veterinarian in a semi-rural setting on Kauai.

Should I be allowed to serve for a full term on the board, I would like to further the rules changes we have been discussin concerning practice of veterinary medicine in Hawaii and update the rules to reflect the changing roles of veterinarians in society today. I feel that my ability to work with a diverse group of individuals, my organizational skills, and my work ethic will aid me in my performance of the work that needs to be done.

Having grown up in Hawaii and worked in the profession for 45 years, gives me a historical perspective on where we have been as a profession and where we need to move forward to better serve the needs of the people of Hawaii, both on the private practice front as well as the regulatory and research endeavors to safe quard Hawaii's population.

I have served on the Executive Board of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, the Executive Board off the Kauai Pork Producers Council, the Executive Board of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce and I own and run my own business entity on Kauai. All of these positions over the last many years have given me the understanding I need to work with divergent views of issues and help reconcile them to a consensus decision.

I do not foresee any conflicts of intrest in my continued performance as a board member.

Michal O. Woltmon D.V.M.