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## **Board of Pharmacy**

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Representing: Licensed/Kaua'i County

Department: DCCA

Term Limit: N/A

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

April 10, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 723.**

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 Pharmacy, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 723, regarding the reappointment of Garrett Lau to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Lau's **reappointment** to the Board.

Mr. Lau has served on the Board as a pharmacist member since July 1, 2009 and is being appointed as a licensee member representing the County of Kauai. He has been licensed as a pharmacist since August 4, 1995, and his license is current, active and in good standing.

Since his appointment four years ago, Mr. Lau has attended 33 out of 44 Board meetings. Mr. Lau is the only pharmacist working at the Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii pharmacy in Lihue, Kauai and is enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a pharmacist with the Medical Service Corp. Mr. Lau has also represented the Board at several exam writing and review sessions for Hawaii's pharmacy law exam with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Mr. Lau brings to the Board his knowledge and experience working for both retail and community pharmacies. His understanding of the practice of pharmacy in various settings has been invaluable. Despite his very busy schedule, Mr. Lau is a dedicated family man who also serves his country and his community.

The Department supports the reappointment of Mr. Lau to the Board of Pharmacy and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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April 4, 2013

RE: Nomination of Garrett Lau to the State Board of Pharmacy

It is with great honor that I support the nomination of Garrett Lau, RPh. to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Lau has worked for Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii since 2006 and was promoted to be the Director of Pharmacy shortly thereafter.

Mr. Lau comes with a wealth of experience both in the retail pharmacy market prior to his employment at Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii along with his vast experience in working with a pharmacy that manages 340B purchased medications to an underserved population.

He is well versed in state and federal law regarding pharmacy matters. He has served as a representative from Hawaii on the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Law Review for the past 2 years. This would be his second term on the board of pharmacy demonstrating his commitment to patient safety and the integrity of the profession.

Mr. Lau has demonstrated a high level of integrity at Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii and we are confident that he will continue to serve to the best of his ability on the Board of Pharmacy.

O wau iho no,

David Peters  
Chief Executive Officer

April 8, 2013

To: Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy

Re: Nomination of Garrett Lau to the State Board of Pharmacy

It is both a privilege and an honor to submit this letter of recommendation for the nomination of Garrett Lau to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. I have known Garrett for over 7 years and I can say without question his character and ethics are truly the epitome of the profession of Pharmacy.

In his work environment at Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii, a Federally Qualified Health Center, I have had many occasion to interact with Garrett. He has a long history of striving to achieve what is right for their patients care and above all, the safety of the clientele they serve.

Garrett currently serves on the Board of Pharmacy and continues to bring both integrity and breadth of Pharmacy practice to the table. He is a worthy candidate to be re-seated for the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for this opportunity to support and recommend Garrett Lau for the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,



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## **STATEMENT OF GARRETT LAU**

**(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Pharmacy?**

The reason I wish to become a member of the Hawai'i State Board of Pharmacy is so that I may contribute to my profession and to play an active role in maintaining public safety.

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

I perceive the role and responsibilities as a Board of Pharmacy member as an honor bestowed upon by the public as a position of trust and integrity.

**(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 feel that I am qualified to be on the Board of Pharmacy because I have over 18 years of experience in the retail setting. For over 9 of the 18 years I managed a pharmacy for a large retail chain drug store. I have also worked for smaller independent pharmacies as well. I currently manage a community health center pharmacy where many of our patients come from the underserved population and are either uninsured or under-insured.

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

One of the things I hope to accomplish is the revision of our current laws to bring it more in line with current technology and practices.

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

Three qualities that best describe me are honesty, kindness, dedication.

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

For the past 2 years I have been 1 of 2 Hawaii representatives at the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy MPJE (Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination) annual law review. Representatives are responsible for reviewing questions and answers for the Hawaii State Pharmacy Law exam to ensure that it accurately reflects the current laws.

- (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?**

No, I do not foresee any potential conflicts of interest in the future. If a situation does arise, I am fully aware that I must immediately recuse myself so I would not compromise any decisions made by the board.