

# GM 539

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES PLEISS, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

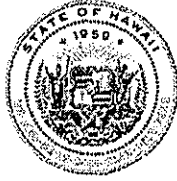
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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2014

Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 539.**

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 Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 539, regarding the **reappointment** of James Pleiss, D.C., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Pleiss's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Pleiss is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He is from Maui, has been licensed since June 6, 1983, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2011, and he is the vice-chairperson of the Board. Dr. Pleiss has attended 11 of 16 meetings.

Dr. Pleiss's active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrate that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas. In addition, by

sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed chiropractor in active practice, Dr. Pleiss contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions.

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

Therefore the Department supports the confirmation of James Pleiss, D.C. to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**GM539**

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for CPN on Mar 12, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Molina	Mayor Alan Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui	Support	No

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To the Senate confirmation committee,

I have been in practice for 26 years and have known Dr. James Pleiss, DC, for all of that time. He has a stellar reputation in his community and among his decades of patients. He has been the President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association as recently as 2007 and now serves on the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He is a man of great integrity and professionalism. He understands the history of our profession and will bring broad insight to his deliberations of chiropractic issues. I fully endorse his re-appointment to the Chiropractic Board. The profession will be well served by him.

Dr. Gary Saito, DC  
President, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association

To whom it may concern:

I have known Dr. James Pleiss for over ten years. I have considered Dr. James Pleiss a leader in the Chiropractic Profession. He has always impressed me by his knowledge and understanding of the chiropractic profession, and how it relates to politics and patient care in the State of Hawaii. Dr. Pleiss puts the profession and patients in the State of Hawaii above himself. I hope that Dr. Pleiss is nominated to serve as one of the Hawaii State Board of Examiners. I can not think of any other doctor that is more qualified in the State of Hawaii with his integrity, selflessness, years of experience as a Doctor of Chiropractic, and knowledge of the chiropractic profession.

If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please call me at my office, (808) 933-9191.

Thank-you.  
Sincerely,

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RE: In support of GM539  
Nomination for Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Dear Senator Baker and Senator Taniguchi:

This testimony is in support of GM539 for my appointment for a second term on the Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

I have over 30 years of experience as a practicing chiropractor on Maui. I have held several positions with the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association (HSCA) over the years. I have been president of the HSCA two times. My experience as a practicing chiropractor and my experience with the HSCA give me the perspective I need to continue as a contributing member of the board of examiners.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of GM539.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email at the above number and address. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James A. Pleiss, DC