

# GM 541

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALAN KAUFMAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 541.**

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 ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 541, regarding the **reappointment** of Alan Kaufman, D.V.M. to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kaufman's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Kaufman's appointment as a licensee member from Maui began on July 12, 2011. He has been licensed since September 19, 1977 and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Kaufman has attended all of the 9 meetings. As a veterinarian with over thirty five years of practice in Hawaii, Dr. Kaufman's range of experience from training with the International Wildlife Veterinary Services, working with the National Marine Fisheries Service and National Geographic to study the underwater behavior of the Hawaiian Monk Seal and his veterinary practice experience with an emphasis on companion animals, horses and farm animals has assisted the Board when making Board decisions.

The Department believes that Dr. Kaufman'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 Alan Kaufman, D.V.M., to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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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>
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Alan Kaufman, DVM  
Board of Veterinary Examiners

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

Having served for the past two years, I look forward to now serving a full term.

**(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**

Regular meeting attendance is paramount. Familiarity with the Board functions and agenda is equally important.

**(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.**

Please refer to my resume submitted previously.

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

Further ongoing review and improvement of the State licensing examination.  
Successful handling of issues brought before the Board.

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

Focused. Dependable. Original thinking.  
These qualities have served me well throughout life, not only with volunteer work.

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

Past president of the Maui County Board of Ethics, President of the Cameron Center and Trustee of Deep Springs College.

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

I see none on the horizon. Were an issue to arise I would ask for an advisory opinion from the state Board of Ethics.