

GM 544

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, LORAIN FLEMING, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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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. 544.

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 Nursing ("Board"), 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. 544, regarding the reappointment of Loraine Fleming to the Board. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Dr. Fleming's **reappointment** to the Board.

Dr. Fleming has served on the Board as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse ("APRN") since January 17, 2012, and is being reappointed as a licensee member.

Dr. Fleming is an Assistant Professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at

Hawaii Pacific University and is the Board member that meets the "nursing education" criteria required pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §457-3. Dr. Fleming also serves on the Board's Education Committee.

Dr. Fleming has been a licensed Registered Nurse in Hawaii since October 3, 2005 and an APRN since July 1, 2007. Both licenses are current, active and in good standing. She currently serves as the Chair of the Board and since her appointment two years ago, has attended all 23 of the scheduled Board meetings. Although quite busy between teaching and working as the Director of Behavioral Health, Medicine and Transplant Services at the Queen's Medical Center, Dr. Fleming has also represented the Board at local and national meetings and conferences.

Dr. Fleming understands her role as a Board member, ensuring that qualified nurses are licensed in order to protect the public in the practice of nursing. She is very knowledgeable about the nursing practice and trends, both locally and nationally, making her an invaluable asset and excellent leader for the Board. In addition to understanding her role as a "consumer protector" in regards to the regulation of the nursing practice in this State, Dr. Fleming also takes into consideration the individual nurses and how regulations affect their ability to practice safely.

The Department strongly supports the reappointment of Dr. Fleming to the Board of Nursing and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
March 12, 2014, 10:00 a.m.**

My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer with The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), in **strong support** of Dr. Loraine Fleming, DNP, APRN-BC, nominee for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing.

Dr. Fleming is a collaborative, disciplined, and passionate Director, overseeing QMC areas of behavioral health, orthopedics and rehabilitation services, medicine and liver center, and the transplant program. Loraine's impressive management capacities were utilized through the important yet arduous re-opening process of the Transplant Center in 2012, to ensure that Hawaii's transplant patients could once again be treated here in their home state. With the same passion and determination, Dr. Fleming oversees our behavioral health program, one of the most challenging areas in hospital administration. She is a tireless and admirable advocate for Hawaii's mentally ill, so often reminding all of her colleagues that the mentally ill are patients who need our care and compassion.

Appointed to the Board of Nursing two years ago, it is not surprising to us here at QMC that she was soon elected Chair. With her intelligence, leadership, and strong professional and personal values, Dr. Fleming has worked to collaborate with her nursing colleagues across the State. We are very confident that Dr. Fleming will continue to lead the Board of Nursing with the acumen that Hawaii's nursing community has come to rely upon.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.



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February 2, 2014

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate District 6
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 230
Phone: 808-586-6070

Dear Senator Baker:

It is my honor to recommend the reappointment of Dr. Loraine Fleming, DNP, APRN-BC, to the Board of Nursing for the state of Hawaii. In my capacity as the Director of the Queen Emma Nursing Institute responsible for research and Evidence-based Practice in Nursing at the Queen's Medical Center, I have worked with Dr. Fleming for the past 6 years.

Loraine is a collaborative colleague, working well with all disciplines and leading improvement initiatives across the organization including the timely launch of the QMC Transplant Center. In addition to her stellar work implementing clinical initiatives, she is also a member of the Nursing Research Council and has led her own research on the relationship between history of a traumatic event and attitudes towards the use of coercive measures in nursing. She was able to present the findings of her research at both the Pacific Institute of Nursing Conference as well as at the American Psychiatric Nurses Association meeting in 2013.

Dr. Fleming is also very involved in the nursing community outside of Queen's serving as faculty for HPU and as president of the APRN-Hawaii chapter.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Rene'e Latimer, APRN-BC, MSN, MPH
Director, Queen Emma Nursing Institute

February 3, 2014

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senatorial District 6
Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

Re: Recommendation for Dr. Loraine Fleming for Board of Nursing

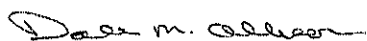
I am writing to recommend the continued appointment of Dr. Loraine Fleming to the Board of Nursing. As former Acting Dean of the Hawai'i Pacific University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the Hawai'i Pacific University, I have worked with Dr. Fleming for the past five years.

Dr. Fleming was appointed to the Board of Nursing two years ago. She has so distinguished herself that the Board of Nursing elected her as Chair of the Board of Nursing. She represents nursing in a professional, low-keyed, honorable fashion. She is a true representative of the Hawaiian Professional Nursing community.

Dr. Fleming is the clinical coordinator of our psychiatric nursing courses as well as for our Forensic Health Science Certificate Program. She is a very responsible and capable member of our faculty, who also serves as chair of our Committee on Faculty. She is a board certified nurse practitioner with a Master's Degree in Nursing from New York University. Dr. Fleming completed her doctoral work at Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professionals with a Doctorate in Nursing Practice degree. She has a rich background in nursing, and has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to furthering the highest standards of professionalism with her students and colleagues.

I believe Dr. Fleming will continue to be an excellent asset to the Board of Nursing, and I highly recommend her for this position.

If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 808 351-4260 (c) or dallison@hpu.edu.



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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Vasconcellos	Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses wholeheartedly supports gubernatorial nominee, Loraine Fleming, for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Senator Baker:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of strong support for Dr. Loraine Fleming, who is due for reappointment to the Board of Nursing.

In the past seven years that I have known her, Dr. Fleming has consistently advocated for quality in the practice of nursing. In her leadership roles, she has worked thoughtfully and diligently to improve the accessibility of care to the poor and underserved in the community. I believe she is an excellent representative of her specialty and would bring much wisdom and professionalism to the Board.

I am happy to be contacted if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely yours,

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February 24, 2014

Senator Roslyn Baker
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Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you very much for considering me to serve a second term on the board of nursing; it is both an honor and a privilege. As a registered nurse for over 35 years I understand the important role nurses have in promoting health and well being for our patients, their families and our community. It is because of the significant effect that nursing can have in influencing health that I feel committed to promoting and assuring excellence in our professional practices and standards. Serving on the board of nursing provides an opportunity to influence those standards and promote nursing excellence.

As a member of the board of nursing I will participate in assuring that new members of the profession are adequately prepared and qualified. I will also participate in the formulation of rules to carry out our state laws regarding nursing and nursing practice. As a member of the board it is also my responsibility to participate in determining a nurse's ability to continue to practice if there are issues related to their competence or ethical behavior. Finally, I will have the opportunity to make recommendations regarding proposed legislation that has bearing on the profession and the health care delivery system.

As I mentioned, I have been a registered nurse for over 35 years and a nurse practitioner for the past 15 years. I am board certified as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner by the nationally recognized American Nurse Credentialing Center. My clinical work has included inpatient hospital care, outpatient clinic work and nursing in community settings. I have held nurse leadership roles in hospital administration and have academic experience as a university faculty in nursing programs. I consider myself a knowledgeable clinician and teacher. I feel my extensive experience has provided me with a broad view of the issues impacting the profession and adds to my qualification to serve on the board. I am also active in professional organizations; currently I am

president of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses' Association, a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing and HAPN. I earned my doctorate in nursing in 2012, demonstrating my commitment to maintaining my competency and also my belief that nurses must be lifelong learners since our knowledge base is ever expanding and developing. I feel all of these factors add to my ability to function successfully as a board member and serve as qualifications for the position.

During my term of service I would like to collaborate with the Hawaii State Center of Nursing to actualize the continued competency plan for the nurses of our state. I would also hope to promote nursing goals allowing them to practice to the full extent of their education and training.

I have been a board member for the past two years and currently serve as chair of the board. I feel the qualities I have that benefit the board include my dedication to my work and a commitment to excellence in nursing; my steadfastness in assuring the safety of our community through oversight of nursing standards of education and practice and a collaborative style of relating to others.

I have served as a board member of both professional and community organizations and am well versed in the functions of a board and the need to work cooperatively in a respectful and positive manner.

I do not foresee any situation that would present a conflict of interest for me on the board however if one were to arise, I would immediately make it known and recuse myself from whatever issue was being reviewed or decided.

I thank you for your consideration of my reappointment.

Sincerely,

Loraine Fleming, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC