

GM 614

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FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 614

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 614, regarding the appointment of Barry Shitamoto, M.D., to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Dr. Shitamoto's appointment to the Board as a physician member for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

Dr. Shitamoto has been licensed in the State since March 30, 1982. Dr. Shitamoto's license is current and in good standing.

Dr. Shitamoto understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board including the review new license applications, receiving and investigating complaints, interpreting and enforcing the applicable statutory laws and administrative rules, and the overall consumer protection the Board affords to the community. Dr. Shitamoto brings experience to the Board having served in and participated in various professional and community related organizations. Dr. Shitamoto also brings the practical industry experience as a pathologist to the Board.

Dr. Shitamoto understands that the appointment to the Board comes with the responsibility to attend and participate. Dr. Shitamoto is committed to attending the Board's scheduled meetings from Maui. Dr. Shitamoto feels that as a personal matter, serving on the Board is a meaningful way to give back to the community and industry. Dr. Shitamoto is mindful of recent events in the industry and strongly supports the Board's role to protect the general public, and ensure that licensees are competent and qualified.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Dr. Shitamoto to the Hawaii Medical Board.

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Barry Shitamoto, MD
Hawaii Medical Board

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Medical Board?

I enjoy doing community service.

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

The role is an important one related to licensure and issues of medical practice.

(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.

I serve as the Director of a large medical group, dealing with physician employment, discipline, and services for the past 20+ years. I also directed the company of 1000 employees, served as Chief of Staff of Maui Memorial Medical Center and served on numerous non-profit community boards. However, I continue practice full time and understand issues confronting those of our medical community.

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

I hope that I can be of service to our communities and physicians.

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

Practice experience (worked in nearly every hospital in the state), medical group practice directorship, and representing medical practice in a larger capacity previously serving on the Hawaii Medical Association. Hopefully, these experiences will aid me in serving the board without much of a learning curve.

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

See above

(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?

In many ways, physicians, physician groups, hospitals do compete with one another (for patients, contracts, etc). Relative to the issue on hand, I believe I can recognize personal conflicts to either divorce myself from the decision making or render a fair opinion.