

# GM 616

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARTY OLIPHANT, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Board of Psychology

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

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

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 616

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. 616, regarding the appointment of Marty Oliphant to the Board of Psychology ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Oliphant's appointment to the Board as a public member for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

Mr. Oliphant is the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter. In addition to this, Mr. Oliphant has played an integral part with the regulatory aspect of social workers in the State. For instance, Mr. Oliphant served on the Social Worker Program Advisory Committee where he was tasked with reviewing the qualifications of social work applications. He also played a vital role in the drafting of legislation which makes continuing education mandatory for licensed social workers.

Given Mr. Oliphant's extensive experience, he is able to quickly understand the issues before the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation Mr. Oliphant to the Board of Psychology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



April 8th, 2014

To the Board of Psychology

My name is Anthony Galang and I'm writing a letter of recommendation for Marty Oliphant, who has been nominated as a public member for the Board of Psychology.

I personally know Marty, his wife and children through our church, as I am the Senior Pastor of the congregation.

I fully recommend Marty for the position, as you are aware of his credentials and skills. Apart from his outstanding resume, I know Marty on a personal level.

Marty and his wife are integral in our church leadership as they lead, facilitate and minister to groups of people as well as work with a team of other leaders to oversee our successful children's ministry.

He is a man of integrity, honesty, and truthfulness. He is trustworthy, reliable, knowledgeable, relatable, and compassionate. The Board would be fortunate to have Marty as an active member.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Mahalo

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April 7, 2014

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Marty A. Oliphant, MSW for membership to the Hawaii Board of Psychology. Mr. Oliphant has served as Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter (NASW) since April 2011. In his role, Mr. Oliphant has provided leadership, guidance, and advocacy not only for Social Workers but the people and communities of Hawaii. His ability to communicate, build strong relationships, and his overall reliability is demonstrated in his recent work with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) regarding the licensing requirements of Social Workers in Hawai'i. Mr. Oliphant organized, facilitated and navigated the path to the newly passed licensing requirements.

In addition, Mr. Oliphant created orientations and trainings to communicate an understanding to HI Social Workers about new licensing requirements. Mr. Oliphant's ability to harmonize different groups such as the NASW leadership and membership, key stakeholders, and DCCA is the reason the passing of Continuing Education for Licensed Social Workers became a successful reality.

And so it is with the strongest support I recommend Mr. Oliphant. He will be a valuable addition and resource as part of the Board of Psychology.

Mahalo,

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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Roslyn H. Baker, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for GM616: Nomination of Marty Oliphant to the Board of Psychology

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to express my support for the Governor's nomination of Marty Oliphant to serve as a member of Hawai'i's Board of Psychology (GM 616, March 7, 2014). I have known and worked with Mr. Oliphant for over 15 years, beginning as his supervisor and continuing today as a colleague and peer.

The Board will certainly benefit from his considerable work experience and thorough knowledge of Hawaii's health, education and social services fields – where licensed psychology professionals provide important services to Hawai'i residents. More importantly, I believe that he will offer practical insights to the Board from his recent experience in the development of Continuing Education opportunities for Social Workers.

Mr. Oliphant is an experienced and thoughtful individual with a strong commitment to serve all the people of Hawai'i.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination to the Board of Psychology.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael Casey'.

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Testimony for CPN on Apr 11, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward Mersereau	Action with Aloha	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I respectfully submit my vote of confidence and support for Marty Oliphant in his nomination as public member of the Board of Psychology. As Executive Director of the Hawaii NASW chapter, Marty brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. I believe he will be a valuable addition to the board and will serve with commitment and integrity as I have seen him do for NASW. Mahalo, Edward Mersereau LCSW, CSAC Director, Action with Aloha President-Elect NASW, Hawaii Chapter

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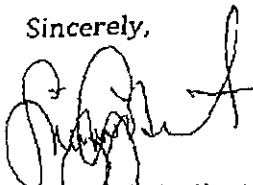
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April 10, 2014

Subject: Letter of Support for Marty Oliphant

1. It is with great pleasure that I support Marty Oliphant's nomination for the Board of Psychology. I have known Mr. Oliphant for over 7 years as his instructor, advisor, and research assistant supervisor while he was completing his Master's of Social Work degree, and as a colleague in our Social Work profession. Thus, I can attest to his intellectual abilities and character as a professional, leader, and community organizer.
2. Mr. Oliphant has performed his responsibilities, duties, and assignments in an exceptional manner. He is efficient in completing the task at hand but in a manner that is inclusive of all parties involved. He has the natural ability to connect with others and his large professional social network is a testament of his patience, compassion, and passion not only for the helping profession, but most importantly for those he serves.
3. Mr. Oliphant's current position as the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Hawaii Chapter in collaboration with members, the NASW leadership, DCCA, and stakeholders drafted the Continuing Education for Licensed Social Workers. An experience that would be valuable to have as a member of the Board of Psychology.
4. I believe that Mr. Oliphant is a strong candidate for the Board of Psychology and will make an impactful contribution as a member of the Board.
5. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me at [meripa@hawaii.edu](mailto:meripa@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



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Marty Oliphant  
Board of Psychology

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Psychology?

I want to thank you for this opportunity to be considered for this appointed position as a public member of the Board of Psychology. I would consider this position as an opportunity to serve my community. I believe in providing community service to promote the strengthening of professions that have direct connection in serving the people of Hawai'i.

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

I perceive the roles and responsibility of a member of the board would be to ensure public safety by licensing those who are competent to practice their given professions. Specifically, I would be required to review applications, discipline licensees, issue opinions regarding scope issues, etc. I understand that decisions recommended by the board must be based on Chapter 465, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Title 16, Chapter 98, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

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 currently serve as the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter (NASW). I have served in my role since April 2011. I have worked closely with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) regarding the licensing requirements of Social Workers in Hawai'i. In fact, I have assisted social workers in navigating through the licensing requirements. In my position, I have provided orientations/trainings requiring the licensing requirements. Most recently we worked in concert with NASW leadership and membership, key stakeholders, and DCCA in drafting of Continuing Education for Licensed Social Workers.

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

I hope to accomplish a smooth transition for psychologists needing continuing education requirements for the renewing of their licenses. NASW is responded to this need currently and I would be able to assist the board with this task.

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

Professionally three qualities that best describe me would collaborative nature, organized, and diligent. I believe these qualities would work well in environment such as the Board of Psychology. As a board we would need to collaborate with one another to move the forward in decision making. Organization is essential in accomplishing the tasks of the board. Diligent is most useful in being on target with the work of the board.

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

I have been an active member on other boards and task committees. I have served on review committees for grants and proposals, Child Welfare Services, and program evaluation teams. I have collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to respond to community issues.

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 do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the Board. However, if a conflict presented itself, then I would inform the leadership structure of the board and remove myself from the decision making process of that particular case.

Mahalo,  
Marty Oliphant