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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 770**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF PHARMACY**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **JULIE TAKISHIMA-LACASA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 770, nominating Ms. Julie Takishima-Lacasa for membership on the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Ms. Takishima-Lacasa immerses herself in every opportunity to gain valuable experience. She earned her doctorate in clinical psychology and has published work in related journals. She has delivered numerous workshop presentations at the Hawaii and

American Psychological Association conventions and other health conferences. In addition to her work on Oahu, Ms. Takishima-Lacasa has work experience on Lanai and Hawaii Island. She can also speak Japanese.

Ms. Takishima-Lacasa is also active in outreach work. She is the Hawaii Psychological Association's federal advocacy coordinator and their legislative action committee chair. She also serves on the association's Rural Health Task Force. She understands her responsibility to attend and prepare for the Board's monthly meetings.

Given Ms. Takishima-Lacasa's professional experience and proven desire to tackle new challenges, the Department believes that she is in a good position to positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Ms. Takishima-Lacasa's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy.

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Subject: Letter of recommendation for the State Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, Julie Takishima-Lacasa
Date: Monday, April 11, 2016 9:12:32 PM

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senator Michelle Kidani
Vice-Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

RE: Consideration and Confirmation to the State Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee,
JULIE TAKISHIMA-LACASA

DATE:	Wednesday, April 13, 2016
TIME:	9:30am
PLACE:	Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Kidani,

I would like to submit my highest recommendation for Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa for her nomination to the State of Hawaii, Board of Pharmacy. I have known Dr. Takishima-Lacasa for 8 years and support her nomination for the position. We have worked together in clinical, research, and advocacy capacities; thus, I feel I can speak confidently regarding her professional and personal qualities.

Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has excelled in a variety of different clinical, leadership, and professional settings, exemplifying her ability to adapt to diverse people and professional responsibilities. She is an extremely hard worker and excellent team player who commits herself to producing high quality work regardless of the size and/or scope of the project. Over the years Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has shown to be a passionate, dedicated, and highly skilled behavioral health service provider as well, with a strong commitment to delivering evidence-based, culturally mindful health care in rural, medically underserved communities.

Beyond her excellent work ethic, clinical and interpersonal skills, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is the type of individual who goes beyond what is expected of her because she seeks to serve the greater good and has a passion for social justice that continually drives her personally and professionally.

In summary, for all the reasons noted above, I believe that the State would truly benefit from an appointment of Dr. Takishima-Lacasa to the Board of Pharmacy.

Warmest regards,

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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Gubernatorial Nominee Julie Takishima-Lacasa to the Board of Pharmacy
Date: Thursday, April 07, 2016 6:11:10 PM

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Re: Letter of Recommendation on Behalf of Julie Takishima-Lacasa, Gubernatorial Nominee,
to the Board of Pharmacy

Dear Senator Baker:

It is my great pleasure to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Julie Takishima-Lacasa, PhD, who is a gubernatorial nominee for the public member seat on the Board of Pharmacy. I am past-president of the Hawaii Psychological Association and have had the opportunity to work very closely with Dr. Takishima-Lacasa on a number of public and service related association projects and committees.

Without a doubt, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is a most impressive individual personally and professionally. If I was in the position of seeking board or working group members, she would be on the top of my list. Not only is Dr. Takishima-Lacasa extremely bright, efficient and hardworking, but she is also a natural leader who enthusiastically takes the initiative when new projects need to be planned, organized and developed. She exhibits qualities of an effective communicator who is welcoming and inclusive of other perspectives, and uses a collaborative approach to problem solving and decision making. Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has an amazingly well developed skill set in managing high levels of responsibility and effectively moving tasks forward to successful completion.

Her experiences as a primary care psychologist and serving in various public service capacities has helped her to work well alongside multi-disciplines, including pharmacists, physicians, nurses, medical assistants, care coordinators, teachers, and community outreach workers. She is deeply passionate and committed to addressing and advocating for the needs of underserved communities in our State and would serve the Board of Pharmacy well in protecting the welfare of and improving health outcomes among Hawaii's people. Dr. Takishima-Lacasa truly understands how important it is to advocate for safe, ethical, effective and culturally informed service delivery for consumers. Additionally, on a personal level, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is a joy to work with due to her sincere, generous, positive and enthusiastic demeanor.

In summary, I give Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa the highest endorsement possible. She would be a stellar choice for the public member seat on the Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

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Date: Monday, April 04, 2016 7:05:37 PM

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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
RE: Julie Yurie Takishima-Lacasa, Ph.D.

Candidate for Pubic Member of the Board of Pharmacy

Dear Senator Baker,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Takishima-Lacasa who has been nominated for a position on the Board of Pharmacy as a Public Member.

I have known her for several years now in her various roles from student in the Clinical Studies Program at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, to her current position as Clinical Psychologist in an integrated care clinic in Waimanalo. There she works collaboratively with health service providers from multiple disciplines. She has a deep understanding of the health care needs of rural communities, and is very well-informed about pharmacological issues.

Julie has been a dynamic, tireless and invaluable member of the Hawaii Psychological Association to which she has devoted her skills and time over the years, serving on several committees and the Board of Directors. She has recently taken on the role of Legislative Chair for HPA and has been an effective leader in the movement to obtain prescriptive authority for psychologists. She is a passionate advocate for rural communities, and other underserved populations.

In addition, Julie is a warm and delightful person, very enjoyable to work with.

I believe that she would be a great asset to the Board of Pharmacy.

I am a clinical psychologist in independent practice, an affiliate member of the clinical faculty at the University of Hawaii Department of Psychology, and the chair of the Ethics and Continuing Education Committees of Hawaii Psychological Association. I am currently serving a second term on the Board of Psychology.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information in support of Dr. Takishima-Lacasa.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Adam-Terem, Ph.D.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Julie Takishima-Lacasa

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

My professional experience in rural integrated primary care settings in Hawai'i over the past decade has resulted in a deep commitment to addressing and advocating for the needs of the underserved communities of our state, and I believe this passion and expertise would be an asset to the Board of Pharmacy.

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

My understanding is that the Board of Pharmacy reviews licensee applications and renewals for the practice of pharmacy in the state of Hawai'i, with the responsibility of protecting the related interests and general welfare of the public. The Board of Pharmacy achieves this through legislative, adjudicatory, and executive functions carried out during monthly meetings.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

As a health service provider serving multiple rural, underserved communities across the state, I am able to represent some of the unique perspectives, ethical issues, and needs of these communities and those that provide social and health services to them.

(4) 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 have served on multiple community boards and hold various leadership positions in my state and national professional organizations (Hawai'i Psychological Association and American Psychological Association, respectively), for which I have honed skills essential to public service and decision making, such as effective communication, problem-solving, and the ability to objectively consider all differing perspectives at hand. As a primary care psychologist, I work collaboratively with health service providers from many disciplines, including pharmacists, physicians, nurses, medical assistants, care coordinators, and community outreach workers to deliver quality, comprehensive care for our patients.

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

As a public member on the Board of Pharmacy I would aim to assist the Board in serving its purpose for the profession of pharmacy, and in protecting the welfare of and improving health outcomes among the people of Hawai'i.

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

I am deeply passionate about advocating for safe, ethical, effective, and culturally-informed service delivery for consumers, and I believe that this is directly relevant to the purpose and responsibilities of the Board of Pharmacy. I have a demonstrated commitment to public service and issues of social justice. I believe that it is my ethical responsibility to be instrumental in more than direct service, to also apply my time, energy, skills, and expertise to protecting and improving the well-being of the public on a larger, systemic scale.

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

I am currently a clinical psychologist in a fully integrated primary care setting in the rural community of Waimānalo on the island of O`ahu. Over the past decade I have also worked in FQCHCs, primary care clinics, and school settings in the remote communities of Hilo and Lana`i City, and rural areas across O`ahu. I have additionally served in various public service roles in these communities, which I believe will directly inform my responsibilities as a public member of the Board of Pharmacy.

(8) 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 related to my service on the Board; should such a conflict arise, I would prioritize the ethical consideration and protection of consumers in my approach to the problem.