

GM781

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GARY ROPERT, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Radiologic Technology Board

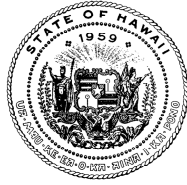
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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 781, GM 782
Consideration and Confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board Gubernatorial
Nominee, Gary Ropert and Edwin Muranaka, M.D. for terms to Expire on 06-30-19
(Ropert) and 06-30-18 (Muranaka)

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 4/13/16 Room Number: 229
Time: 9:30 am

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Governor's message requests confirmation of Gary Ropert and
3 Edwin Muranaka, M.D. for appointment to the Radiologic Technology Board.

4 Mr. Ropert has been a productive resource for the Radiologic Technology Board on
5 which he had served previously. He has worked in the nuclear medicine and radiologic
6 technology field since 1982, and is currently employed at The Queen's Medical Center - West as
7 the Imaging Manager. Additionally, Mr. Ropert has extensive training and knowledge in the
8 areas of medical imaging computers and healthcare information systems, computed tomography
9 and general radiography. His experience in nuclear medicine and management are valuable to
10 the board, and his re-appointment will be a positive benefit to the board's effectiveness.

11 Edwin Muranaka, M.D., is a Radiologist and managing partner of Yeoh & Muranaka,
12 MD's Inc., an outpatient radiology imaging service on Oahu. Their offices are partners with the
13 Kapiolani Community College Radiology Technologist training program and participate in the

1 clinical training of their students. Dr. Muranaka is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, with a
2 Doctor of Medicine Degree from the John A. Burns School of Medicine. He is a board certified
3 radiologist and a member of various professional organizations. Dr. Muranaka had been
4 practicing as a radiologist since 1986. His appointment will be a positive benefit to the board's
5 effectiveness.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM:

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate Committee Chair for Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: Susan R. Murray, FACHE, Senior Vice President, West O'ahu Region
Chief Operating Officer, The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu

Subject: Letter of Support for Gary Ropert, Manager, Diagnostic Imaging Services, The Queen's Medical Center
West O'ahu and Board Member, Hawaii State Radiologic Technology Board

Dear Senator Baker,

I am most pleased to write this letter in support of Gary Ropert who is up for reconfirmation to sit on the Hawaii State Radiologic Technology Board.

Gary has been a valuable part of the Queen's West O'ahu team beginning several months before we opened our doors on May 20, 2014. He is a very knowledgeable, patient focused and systems thinker. He keeps informed through national conferences and relationships with the local diagnostic imaging community.

I consider Gary one of our very best high performers and I am in strong support of his reconfirmation.

If there is anything further I can provide, please let me know. I can be reached at (808) 691-3607 or by email at smurray@queens.org.

Sincerely,

Susan R. Murray, FACHE
Senior Vice President, West O'ahu Region
Chief Operating Officer, The Queen's Medical Center - West O'ahu

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? I was asked by Jeff Eckart. And I would like to contribute any help I can to the Radiologic Technology Board.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? Advise and discuss radiologic technology policies that may affect the public.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? I have 37 years experience in radiation safety and the use of imaging equipment involving ionizing radiation.
- (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. My background is in nuclear medicine technology dating back to 1979. As a member of the board, I represent the nuclear medicine technology component of medical imaging. Currently I oversee all medical radiology imaging at Queens Medical Center West Oahu.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? Be helpful to Jeff Eckart and the board with my input. In addition I would like to better define the qualifications of those technologists that may perform Computed Tomography in Hawaii.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. Faithful, Integrity, Willing to change. I have been faithful to always attend meetings and feel I have no agenda or motivation other than gaining satisfaction in giving my knowledge of what I have observed during my career. I'm also open to seeing other board members views of an issue and am willing to change based on the facts.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. Over 36 years in radiologic technology, medical imaging in hospitals.
- (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 feel there are no conflicts.