

GM 529

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LORI OKUDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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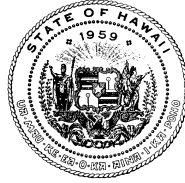
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 529
Consideration and Confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board Gubernatorial
Nominee, Lori Okuda for term to Expire on 06-30-20**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 3/10/17 Room Number: 229
Time: 9:30 am

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Governor's message requests confirmation of Lori Okuda for
3 appointment to the Radiologic Technology Board.

4 Ms. Okuda has been a productive resource for the Radiologic Technology Board on
5 which she has served previously from 2003 - 2011. She has worked in the radiologic technology
6 field for the last 36 years and is currently employed at Castle Medical Center where she performs
7 general radiography and mammography. Ms. Okuda also has extensive training and knowledge
8 in the areas of computed tomography, fluoroscopy and general radiography. In addition, she
9 currently serves as Secretary for the newly reformed Hawaii Society of Radiologic
10 Technologists. Ms. Okuda has made significant contributions in the past, and her extensive
11 experience in radiography is invaluable to the board. Her appointment will be a positive benefit
12 to the board's effectiveness.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Ms. Lori Okuda, RT. I have known Ms. Okuda for the past four years working with her at Castle Medical Center in the Imaging Department. She is a very thoughtful and conscientious worker. She cares about the patients and goes out of her way to ensure their comfort while they are in the Imaging Department. Ms. Okuda works well with other staff and physicians and is a team player. She is always willing to help and has a good attitude. She is a mentor to the new radiology technologists and radiology technology students providing guidance and leadership. Ms. Okuda is an asset to Castle Medical Center and I highly recommend her.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 2017

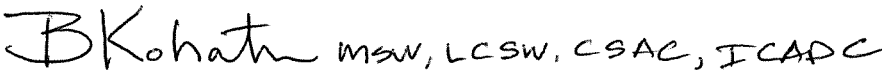
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
State Senate District 6
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 230

Attention: Senator Rosalyn Baker

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Lani Nagao who is being considered for the Hawaii Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board. I have had the privilege of working with her collaboratively as a clinician via her position with Dr. McKenna and Ke Ala Pono Recovery Center and also as a fellow member of the Mayor's Advisory Council for Substance Abuse Treatment and Community Integration, where I am currently the chairperson. Her commitment to the well-being of our community and its people is evident in her work ethic and detail-oriented approach to difficult social issues impacting our community. She is also part of a deep rooted family here on Kauai and therefore has a long term vested interest in preserving the quality of life for present and future generations. Lani is an individual driven by values and has the ability to see the best in people, which for me, makes her an ideal candidate for this service commitment.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter and I look forward to your support of Lani Nagao for the Hawaii Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board.

Mahalo,

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Lori Okuda

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

To make sure our profession stays up to date with technology and to protect the public from unnecessary radiation.

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

Making sure the laws and ALARA is followed.

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

Once again, making sure that ALARA and Image Gently is followed to keep the public safe.

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 been a technologist for 37 years. I've seen many changes in the field. Have also seen where improperly trained people or mis-informed people have jeopardized the patient's safety.

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

Just to help make sure that practitioners are well informed and using ionizing radiation safely.

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

- 1) My years of being a technologist and having many experiences, including dealing with HICFA and MQSA/FDA inspections for mammography as a Mammography Coordinator.
- 2) Having worked in multiple modalities in imaging.
- 3) My involvement in our national society, getting Hawaii reinstated with the ASRT and seeing the achievements and mistakes made by other states when trying to keep our profession up to date.

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

I served on this same board many years ago and being through many successful MQSA inspections as a Mammography Coordinator and as was a Floor Coordinator in a busy department.

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 hope to be objective enough to avoid any conflicts but, I hope that I am smart enough to see one or that there is even a perceived one and recuse myself.