

GM 571

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Naturopathic Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID KERN, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Board Of Naturopathic Medicine

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Friday, March 24, 2017
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 571.

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

My name is Constance Cabral, Executive Officer of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 571, regarding the **appointment** of David R. Kern, N.D., to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kern's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Kern has served on the Board as an interim appointee since October 1, 2016 and is being appointed as a licensee member. He has been licensed in Hawaii since March 1985 and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Kern had previously served on the Board from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2014. He was a reliable member and had excellent attendance at Board meetings. Then, as now, Dr. Kern comes to meetings well prepared, having read and reviewed all materials

and documents provided to Board members prior to meetings. Owing to his many years of experience as a practitioner, Dr. Kern is able to participate in discussions relating to complicated issues before the Board. By bringing his knowledge, background and expertise to these discussions, he offers a unique perspective. Because of this, the Board has had the necessary information and knowledge on which to base its decisions on regulatory matters.

We believe that Dr. Kern's interest in serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. He has served with dedication and commitment.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kern to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:51 PM
To: CPH Testimony
Subject: Board of Naturopathic Medicine Support Letter
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Letter in support of appointment of David Kern ND to Board of Naturopathic Medicine:

I have known Dr. Kern as a friend and colleague for over 30 years. He and I previously served together on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. His proven leadership skills and great concern for the highest standards of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii make him an outstanding candidate for re-appointment to the Board. I support his appointment without reservation.

Mahalo,



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David Kern: Board of Naturopathic Medicine

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

To use my tenure and experience as an ND in Hawaii to continue and improve our profession.

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

To provide oversight and proper regulation of the naturopathic profession to the benefit of the people of Hawaii and the communities that NDs serve and to review and improve on rules and regulations for our profession, as needed.

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

Simply by insuring NDs practice within the scope of the law governing naturopathic medicine in Hawaii and reviewing those cases that may be brought to the attention of the Board where such practice is brought into question.

(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.

32 years of naturopathic practice in Hawaii. 8 prior years as a Board member. 6 prior years as an advisor to the DCCA/Ricco Division. 5 time HSNP president. Only ND in state of Hawaii admitted to staff of a state hospital, Maui Memorial Medical Center. First alternative physician to be awarded the Keola Award by the Maui Memorial Medical Center for contribution to the people of Maui in naturopathic medicine and women's health.

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

I hope to accomplish a review of rules and regulations that may require updating or modernizing, review and update of the naturopathic formulary and the first year review of continuing education credits, as well as, the addition of testosterone to naturopathic formulary

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

Integrity, consistency, experience and humor.

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

Previous Board experience as vice chair

- (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?**

No, I can not foresee any possible conflicts of interest. Overcome conflicts of interest by correcting circumstances or recuse myself from participation or decision making.