

GM 574

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, JILL OLIVEIRA GRAY, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Board Of Psychology

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

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 574.

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

My name is May Ferrer and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Psychology ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 574, regarding the **appointment** of Jill Oliveira Gray, Ph.D. to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Oliveira Gray's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Oliveira Gray was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on January 4, 2017. She has held a psychologist license in Hawaii since December 2002. Her license is current and in good standing.

Dr. Oliveira Gray brings to the Board her extensive knowledge, professional background, continued experience in the field of psychology, and a strong desire to serve and help protect the public.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Oliveira Gray to the Board of Psychology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Hearing: Friday, March 24, 2017, 9:00 am, Conference Room 229
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Dr. Jill Oliveira Gray's appointment to the Board of Psychology

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Nishihara and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

As someone who has been a member of the psychological community for almost 40 years, I strongly support Dr. Gray's nomination for appointment to the Board of Psychology. Jill is a clinical psychologist who is held in the highest esteem by her colleagues. She is extremely capable and her actions and behavior reflect an individual of impeccable integrity. She is a fair and compassionate individual who exhibits the finest qualities of a health care professional.

Dr. Gray's professional career has been one of selfless service to the underserved, rural and indigenous populations of Hawai'i. In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in this area, she was awarded the 2016 Hawaii Psychological Association Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Gray understands the needs of our community. As a member of the Board of Psychology, she will bring considerable experience and knowledge to the task of protecting the general welfare and interests of the public, particularly as it relates to the practice of psychology.

I have worked with Dr. Gray for over 15 years and have observed her to be a consistently insightful and clear-minded individual who always adds value to a discussion or decision. Her superb interpersonal skills also provide a strong foundation in support of her extraordinary accomplishments.

Dr. Gray has my strongest endorsement for an appointment to the Board of Psychology. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information about this exceptional individual.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Folen, Ph.D., ABPP
Executive Director

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
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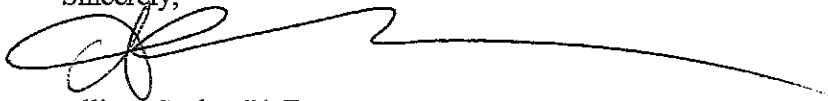
Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I am writing to you as a colleague of Dr. Jill Oliveira Gray, who is subject to confirmation of her appointment as a board member to the Board of Psychology. I have known Dr. Oliveira Gray for over 10 years and have had the pleasure of working with her at several different nonprofit agencies.

She has always had a heart for public service and exhibits flawless character and integrity. She has over 15 years of experience serving residents of both underserved urban and rural areas in Hawai'i. She is also a longtime leader in our field of psychology and serves on boards in the community.

I strongly support Dr. Oliveira Gray's nomination based on her knowledge of psychology in Hawai'i, her demonstrated leadership and experience, and her willingness to service our community.

Sincerely,



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Jill Olivera: Board of Psychology

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

I believe it is important for members of any profession to engage in public service activities that can benefit both the profession and the community at large. This resonates with the Bible verse, “to whom much is given, much is expected” (Luke 12:48), and has become a vision to guide my professional work.

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

My understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Board of Psychology is that it is ultimately designed to protect the general welfare and interests of the public as it relates to the practice of psychology in the state of Hawai‘i. Toward this end, the Board of Psychology has legislative, adjudicatory, and executory functions that are carried out during each monthly board meeting amongst the board members, executive officer, and a deputy attorney general. As a member of the Board, I am expected to attend these meetings and participate in the functions and activities of the Board in order to carry out the duties of the Board.

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

I have been a licensed psychologist in Hawai‘i since 2001 and a training director for a rural Hawai‘i behavioral health psychology training program since 2013. I have engaged in behavioral health service delivery in multiple settings and have also supervised and trained developing psychologists. These experiences have broadened my knowledge, understanding, and application of our professions’ ethics codes that serves ultimately to protect the consumer. Additionally, I engage in advocacy work and teach advocacy didactics to psychology students, thus, have a good understanding of our Hawai‘i state licensing laws and rules that govern psychologists and will be able to apply this knowledge and clinical experience to assist the Board in decision making and problem solving with the end goal of protecting the consumer.

(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 believe I am qualified to serve because of my professional work as a clinical psychologist and health service provider in the state of Hawai‘i. I have worked in a variety of geographical locations throughout our state and in various clinical settings and thus understand ethical issues of patient safety from both the provider’s perspective as well as the consumer, or patient’s, perspective. Additionally, I have served on multiple boards and have held various leadership positions in the Hawai‘i Psychological

Association and American Psychological Association, as well as, for a Native Hawaiian community organization (Alu Like). These experiences have helped to hone a variety of skills essential to serving as a board member to include, strategic planning, monitoring systems, collaborative decision-making, effective communication and considering multiple points of view and striving for win-win situations despite disparities that may exist at the table.

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

I hope to fulfill all my duties and obligations as a Board member and help the Board to be productive and effective in all of its endeavors.

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

Three qualities that best describe me are: *committed, conscientious, and collaborative*. These qualities will enable me to carry through with all my duties as a Board member, apply compassion and critical thinking skills to the business and tasks that need to be accomplished, and to work productively with other Board members to accomplish all that we will have to do.

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

I have served on the Board of Pharmacy as a public member which provided me with good exposure and experience with regard to serving on a DCCA board.

(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?

As a training director for a local psychology internship and fellowship program, there will be times I will have had a prior supervisory relationship with licensure applicants being reviewed by the Board. I will have to discuss this with the Board and will follow whatever guidance is received with regard to how I proceed in these situations. I may have to recuse myself from voting on these applications, however, I do not know exactly at this time, and will await guidance from the Board Executive Director and Attorney General.

Another potential conflict situation is that as stated above, I have been involved in advocacy for the profession of psychology through the Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA). There may be times when the Board has to make a decision regarding a bill that HPA is either for or against. When there is a conflict, I will inform the Board of my HPA work and take guidance from the Board on how to proceed.