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GM 597 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER FLANDERS, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of GM 597 which seeks consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **CHRISTOPHER FLANDERS**, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

The University of Hawai'i System (UH) and its John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) administer two (2) statutes related to graduate medical education (GME) and addressing the severe physician shortage needs in Hawai'i.

- [HRS § 304A-1702] – Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program, was established to formally encompass the administration of UH JABSOM's institutional graduate medical education (GME) program.
- [HRS §§304A-1703, 1704, 1705] – Medical Education Council, was created within UH JABSOM and called "**The Hawai'i Medical Education Council**" (HMEC). HMEC was given the administrative **duties and powers** to:
 - (1) Analyze the State healthcare workforce for the present and future, focusing in particular on the State's need for physicians;
 - (2) Assess the State's healthcare training programs, focusing on UH JABSOM's institutional GME enterprise to determine its ability to meet the workforce needs identified by HMEC;
 - (3) Recommend to the Legislature and UH Board of Regents (BOR) ways in which identified GME and other healthcare training programs can improve and change in order to effectively meet the HMEC assessment;
 - (4) Work with other entities and state agencies, and in consultation with the Legislature and BOR, develop and implement a Plan to ensure the adequate funding of healthcare training programs in the State, with an emphasis on UH JABSOM GME programs;

- (5) Seek funding to implement the funding Plan from all public (county, state and federal government) and private sources;
- (6) Monitor and continue to improve the funding Plan; and,
- (7) Submit an annual report to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of each regular Legislative session.

Per statute, the HMEC is comprised of eight Governor-appointed and Legislature-confirmed individuals and five ex-officio members, including the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine who serves as the Chair. The HMEC is administered by the Designated Institutional Official and Director of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs.

Solving Hawai'i's physician (and health professions) workforce shortage requires multi-sector engagement and ownership, a multi-pronged and longitudinal approach, as well as ideas and resources from the private sector (*i.e., insurers, hospitals, businesses and private health care organizations committed to improving and maintaining healthy citizens and communities*) the public sector (*i.e., primary-, secondary-, and higher education, legislature, Departments of Health and Human Services and Federal agencies*) and the larger communities of Hawai'i.

Dr. Christopher Flanders is the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Medical Association and he would be an excellent representative for a Representative of the Health Professionals Community, as required by the Charter. He brings with him personal practice experience from the neighbor islands and leadership experience of the Hawai'i Medical Association. He is highly committed to finding short- and long-term collaborative strategies that help with physician development, recruitment and retention.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

March 29, 2017

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: GM 597 Written Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee CHRISTOPHER FLANDERS, MD, to the Hawaii Medical Education Council

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

I strongly support Dr. Christopher Flanders' nomination to the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Dr. Flanders understands the complexities of the healthcare industry. As Executive Director of the Hawaii Medical Association, he represents physicians across the state in addressing industry issues such as Medicare payment reform, National Health Reform and local legislative initiatives. Dr. Flanders is also a member of the Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation (MPQHF) Board of Directors, Hawaii's Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO). As a member of the MPQHF Board, Dr. Flanders is well versed on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services national quality improvement agenda. The vital role Dr. Flanders plays as a leader in healthcare delivery provides him with critical insights on healthcare provider education issues. He understands the impact and relationship education has on healthcare quality. Dr. Flanders would be an effective member of the Hawaii Medical Education Council from both a practical and policy perspective. I strongly urge the Committee's confirmation of Dr. Flanders to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 597.

TO THE HONORABLE KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 597, regarding the appointment of Christopher Flanders, D.O. to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

As the executive officer of the Hawai'i Medical Board, I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Flanders for approximately three (3) years. Dr. Flanders exemplifies all of the qualities of a diligent professional. I clearly recall Dr. Flanders taking time out of his busy schedule to meet to discuss and explain complex legislative proposals. Most importantly, Dr. Flanders is fair-minded and ethical; qualities that are of the utmost importance for any member appointed to serve the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 597, regarding the appointment of Christopher Flanders, D.O. to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

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Comments: As current president of the Hawaii Medical Association and as a licensed physician in the state of Hawaii, I wish to strongly support without reservation the confirmation of Governor Ige's nominee, Dr. Christopher Flanders to membership on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council. His multifocal depth of knowledge of our American healthcare system will prove to be a major benefit to successfully pursuing the goals of the HMEC. Respectfully submitted, Bernard Robinson, M.D., President of the Hawaii Medical Association.

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