

GM 706

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY JO KEEFE, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 706.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 706, regarding the **reappointment** of Mary Jo Keefe to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Keefe's reappointment to the Board.

Since her appointment in July 2013, Ms. Keefe has attended 33 of the 38 Board meetings scheduled. Ms. Keefe represents Maui County and has been a licensed registered pharmacist in Hawaii since August 1996. Her license is current, active and in good standing.

Ms. Keefe currently works as a pharmacist for PharMerica Wailuku, a pharmacy that primarily services long term care facilities and skilled nursing facilities. Her experience as a pharmacist is a tremendous contribution to the Board as she brings a different perspective to the discussions.

Ms. Keefe also attends various conferences and annual meetings of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy representing the Board. Her ability to network and obtain information on national trends is valuable for the Board's consideration in proposed amendments to the pharmacy practice act. It has been my pleasure working with Ms. Keefe for the last four years, and I find her to be knowledgeable and fair in her decisions.

The Department supports the reappointment of Ms. Keefe to the Board of Pharmacy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairperson

Committee on Commerce Protection

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker:

I am writing to you regarding my strong recommendation for the appointment of Mary Jo Mish Keefe to the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy.

I have known Mary Jo for over 40 years, having met her when she was attending Ferris State University College of Pharmacy. She was a dedicated student with a passion for knowledge and understanding of the profession of pharmacy. She also participated and held many leadership roles within campus organizations at Ferris State University.

Throughout Mary Jo's career she has continued to broaden her knowledge of the pharmacy profession; such as sterile and non sterile compounding education and broader knowledge courses, researching and understanding the ever changing laws and regulations of pharmacy, the responsibilities of the pharmacist to the patient's care while always displaying the leadership and professionalism of a dedicated pharmacist.

Mary Jo's experience in the long term care (LTC) and retail pharmacy practices gives her great perspective to the responsibilities of a Board of Pharmacy member. Mary Jo is an outstanding person who will bring a professional, knowledgeable, common sense understanding of pharmacy to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy..

Sincerely,



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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protections

Re: Mary Jo Keefe re-appointment to Board of Pharmacy

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker:

As Mary Jo Keefe is applying to be reappointed to the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy, I am thrilled to provide a letter of reference for your review.

I have worked directly with Mary Jo for the last 21 years in both retail and long term care (LTC) pharmacy practice and have been her immediate supervisor for the last 19 years. She has a very strong knowledge base in both practice settings developed during the 45 years she has been a licensed pharmacist. Included in her skill sets are sterile and non-sterile compounding – both of which are the true art of pharmacy practice and are currently in the national spotlight; however, she is the only current Board member with these expertise. Over the last 4 years as a Board member she has expanded her knowledge in these areas as the Board's representative at the FDA compounding forum in Washington DC in 2016, inspector training at the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) in Chicago in 2015, three of the NABPs annual meetings, and two of the NABP district meetings.

As Maui's most recent Board of Pharmacy representative, serving two terms and the last 3 years as the Chair, I understand the issues that are facing public safety within Hawaii's practice of pharmacy: expanding pharmacist roles in healthcare, pressure from business to stretch pharmacist and pharmacy staff to maintain profit margins, and increasing need to compound medications as shortages from manufactures expand. I have had conversations with Mary Jo regarding these and other important aspects of pharmacy and am confident that she is the right person to continue to represent Maui on the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,



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Mary Jo Keefe: Board of Pharmacy

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

I have been a member of the Board of Pharmacy for the past 4 years and have enjoyed being part of the developments in my profession. I look forward to another 4 years, the changes to come, and helping to formulate those changes.

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

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

The Board of Pharmacy's main concern is the safety of the people of the State of Hawaii. This includes making sure the drugs that come into the state are not counterfeit or adulterated; that drugs are available to our patients; and that our patients have access to the best care our pharmacists can give. It is also important that our laws and rules reflect the most current standard of care practices. Another concert of the Board is to field questions from people in and out of the state to assure that they are aware of the correct interpretation of the law.

(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 am currently a member of the Board of Pharmacy, serving as the representative from Maui, and am in my 4th year as a member. As a member, I have gained much experience in my position. I have been a registered pharmacist for 45 years in Michigan and 35 years in Hawaii. I have experience in the retail and long term care settings, as well as, in compounding (I am the only one on the Board with this background). I am an avid reader of pharmaceutical journals which keeps me up to date on current issues, and I complete over 100 hours a year of continuing pharmacy education.

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

I hope to continue working on the issues the Board is dealing with now. For example, prescribing pharmacists, regulating pharmacy technicians, collaborative agreements, updating the rules to reflect current practices, regulating compounding pharmacies, and keeping the law test required by new pharmacists coming into the state current.

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

Dependable- I attend the meetings regularly and am an active participant in discussions and activities.

Volunteer- I am willing to do other things than just attend meetings, I have attended 3 NABP conventions, 2 district meetings, 1 compounding meeting at the FDA, and 1 sterile compounding meeting in Chicago. I will also be attending the NABP convention in May. I am willing to do more because I believe if I am going to be a member of the Board, I need to do whatever I can for the Board.

Curious- I am an avid reader and am interested in what is happening now in pharmacy, am willing to discuss pharmacy issues with colleagues, and investigate issues that affect the Board and the people in Hawaii.

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

I was previously a member of the Drug Product Selection Board for 8 years and am currently a member of the Board of Pharmacy.

(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 do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest at this time. In my past 4 years on the Board, a conflict of interest has not come up. However, if there was an issue that I thought would be a conflict or someone else on the Board thought there might be a conflict, I would recuse myself from the discussion.