

# GM 709

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, gubernatorial nominee, KATHLEEN KANG-KAULUPALI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2017

Friday, April 7, 2017  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 709.**

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 709, regarding the **reappointment** of Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Kang-Kaulupali's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has served on the Board since May 6, 2011 and is being reappointed as a public member. Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has attended 27 of 35 meetings. Through her active participation during the Board's discussions, Ms. Kang-Kaulupali has shown that she has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas and that she is knowledgeable about the issues that the Board faces.

The Department believes that Ms. Kang-Kaulupali's interest in serving on the Board and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

April 4, 2017

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Senate District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 709 – Testimony in strong support of nominee Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali for the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BOCE)

Dear Chair Baker,

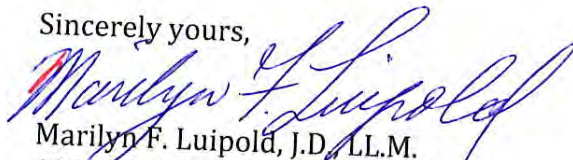
I am writing you to express my reasoned and strong support of Ms Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali's appointment to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Ms Kang-Kaulupali has dedicated her professional life to improving our island community by her commitment to the health and wellbeing of island communities and peoples. I have known Ms Kang-Kaulupali for many years and am struck with her dedication and fair-mindedness. She is willing to listen to facts and evaluate considerations in a balanced, professional, and compassionate manner. Her professional opinions are well researched and informed and demonstrate her extensive practical experience in health care and management of health care issues.

As a professional pharmacist she has distinguished herself in the Western traditions of health care. In addition, as a haumana of Papa Henry Auwae and a valued practitioner of traditional laau lapaau, she brings exceptional balance to the Board. I feel her strong character, personal integrity, discipline, commitment to volunteer service, and willingness to take on challenges will make her a strong contributor to the BOCE.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely yours,

  
Marilyn F. Luipold, J.D., LL.M.  
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**Kathleen Kang-Kaulupali: Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

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

I wish to continue serving on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners as a public member. Currently I am completing my first full term and have enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer, participating with healthcare professionals and serving my greater community.

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

I see my role as a voice of the public for public safety/consumer protection specifically for chiropractic examiners. Responsibilities shall be to ensure knowledge, experience and quality standards of chiropractors practicing in the state of Hawaii, as per state law; to participate with other board members, discussing, recommending actions for the State; and to seek clarification for consumer protection as needed.

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

To help protect the consumer means I can protect myself, my family and my community, a vested interest. A standard of competency is achieved with appropriate licensure application review in the specialty. The Board is tasked to do so and I have seen it be successful for the 6 years that I have participated.

**(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.**

My application of skills in my past and current experiences have prepared and qualified me for the public board member position: active participation on various school advisory and healthcare boards, served as an officer or delegate for local, state and national associations, and a long-standing coordinator for a board. Expertise as a healthcare provider (a licensed pharmacist in the state of Hawaii), a recipient of health care services and a student of traditional medicine enables my perspective of health care for the individual and consumer protection. My knowledge spans western, cultural and traditional healthcare, growing on my college education and family training to developing and evaluating policies, procedures and monitoring skills in my occupation, within federal and state law.

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

I hope to continue serving to the best of my ability as a public member preparing for the meetings, actively and knowledgeably participating in the discussions, representing the public, addressing safety concerns, advocating consumer protection and striving for quality of care by chiropractors licensed in Hawaii.

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

Strive to do the best that you can: maintain quality care standards for Hawaii.  
Listen to what is not being said.  
Curiosity: never stop learning; appropriately ask the question to learn.

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

I have volunteered as a pharmacist member for the Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board: discussed and reviewed for appropriate use of medications in the aged, blind and disabled Medicaid population; educated providers; monitored for fraud, waste and abuse; and sought to improve quality of care. I chaired the meetings. As needed I stepped up to be the coordinator of the board. I continue in this position today.

- (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?**

Currently I do not have and do not foresee conflict of interest during my service on the Board. If Medicaid covers chiropractic services in the future, there is a small chance that a conflict of interest may arise. Depending on the degree of involvement with Medicaid coverage or my employment with Medicaid, I may recuse myself as needed from an issue on the agenda or tender my resignation from the Board.