

# GM 755

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANKLIN DAO, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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

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Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 755**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE **HAWAI'I MEDICAL BOARD**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **FRANKLIN DAO**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 755, nominating Mr. Franklin Dao for membership on the Hawai'i Medical Board ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Dr. Dao is an experienced physician in the State specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. His license is active and in good standing, and he has considerable professional experience working in both private practice and as a member of the staff for

larger health care service providers on Oahu, including Kaiser Permanente. Dr. Dao has been a resident of and a medical professional serving the island of Oahu for multiple decades, having attended and performed his residency through the University of Hawaii system as well. In addition to his interest in serving on the Board, Dr. Dao has a history of giving his time to the betterment of the local medical community, such as his service as a trainer and mentor for new physicians through local residency programs.

Dr. Dao also has expressed a strong commitment to ensuring high standards of care in the State in the areas of prenatal care and on issues of overall patient protection. The Department feels Dr. Dao's demonstrated interest in ensuring high standards of patient care is an important aspect in determining his fitness and motivation to serve on the Board.

Dr. Dao also understands the requirements of serving on the Board – such as regularly attending Board meetings and preparing for discussions by reviewing applications, proposed disciplinary action, pending legislation, and various other materials – and he is willing to take the time and to put forth the effort to serve. Given Dr. Dao's expertise and keen interest in ensuring patient protections, the Department believes that Dr. Dao would be a strong addition to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Franklin Dao for membership on the Hawai'i Medical Board. I am available to answer any questions the Committee may have.

April 10, 2017

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Chair, Consumer Protection and Health

Re: Letter of Recommendation of Franklin Dao, M.D., ID: GM 755

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr. Franklin Dao to the Hawaii Medical Board.

I have known Dr. Dao for over 20 years as a physician colleague at the Queen's Medical Center.

Dr. Dao has been a great asset to our profession and to our community. He is knowledgeable, dependable and industrious. I am impressed with his ability to collaborate with members of the health care team. His critical thinking skills are well respected in many committee functions. He now serves as assistant Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology where he has been instrumental in solving complex issues resulting in improved medical care for our community. He is now leading a task force to decrease major maternal complications and has demonstrated his ability to integrate the various specialties into a holistic approach to care. Noteworthy is his dedication to his patients and commitment to high quality medical care.

I enthusiastically recommend Dr. Dao to the Board of Medical Examiners.

Sincerely,

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**Franklin Dao: Hawai'i Medical Board**

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

As an Obstetrician/Gynecologist, I would like to see women receive appropriate health care and access to the right resources for their care. It is my hope that by being a member of the Board, I am able to contribute my knowledge of this area to promote the safety of Women's Healthcare.

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

My perceptions are that the member is responsible not only for the licensing of various health professionals, but also to be the promoter of safe health care and practices for the people of Hawaii, as well as, assessing the State's needs in the field of healthcare.

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

I feel I can be a voice and champion for Women's Healthcare, thus I may be able to bring up point of views that may help in deciding if a policy implementation can adversely affect women's access to appropriate care or if a practitioner is not providing Standard of Care for the patient.

**(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 Queen's Professional Practice Evaluation Committee, as well as, Chairman of the Perinatal Committee of the Queen's OB Dept. I participate in Peer Reviews, as well as, address issues of safety in Women's and Newborn's care at Queen's. I have the opportunities to work in a multidisciplinary setting, thus, I believe these experiences will allow me to contribute to the Board; especially in Women's Healthcare.

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

I hope to promote Women's Healthcare and access to appropriate care for women.

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

1. Methodical
2. Open Minded
3. Team Work Capability

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

See #4. This will be my first experience as a Board member if I am chosen to serve.

**(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 Board member of the Hawaii Medical Board, I can imagine there will be times where I may have to recuse myself from the discussion of certain health care practitioners as I may know them as friends or business colleagues.