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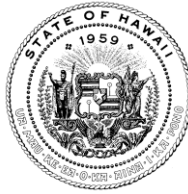
Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GERI YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

Current Referral: CPH

From Geri Young, MD (date of entry 2/23/18)

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? As a physician who was born and raised here in Hawai'i, I would like to help insure that the physicians we have licensed in this state are qualified to practice in this state.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? A large part of the responsibilities involve Board members closely reviewing all of the paperwork submitted on the physicians applying for licensure as well as performing "in person interviews" of any physicians we have concerns with. We also have to evaluate physicians currently licensed in this state who have complaints lodged against them by consumers.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? As a physician who has practiced on the neighbor island of Kaua'i for 37 years and as a physician administrator, I feel that I am qualified to help make difficult decisions about physician licensure.
- (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 have served as the Chief Medical Officer for the Kaua'i Medical Clinic since 2007. This role involves recruiting as well as supervision of physicians.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? I hope to be able to assist the Board in helping insure we have qualified physicians practicing in this state.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. I have been informed that I am hard working, detail oriented and organized and these qualities should be of benefit to the Board.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. I have had to have challenging conversations with physicians who have had complaints about them by patients and/or other physicians.
- (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 work for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and I would recuse myself from evaluating any HPH employed physicians who have licensure issues that come before the Board.



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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 518.

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

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. No. 518, regarding the **appointment** of Geri Young, M.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Young's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Young is being appointed to the Board as a licensee member for the County of Kauai. She has held a Hawaii medical license since June 14, 1979. Her license is current, active, and in good standing. Dr. Young was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on December 12, 2017, and attended her first Board meeting on January 11, 2018.

Dr. Young has practiced medicine in the State of Hawaii as a pediatrician and, since November 2007, as the Chief Medical Officer of the Kauai Medical Clinic. We believe that Dr. Young's interest in serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Young to the Hawaii Medical Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 10:00am
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee On Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President & Government Relations

Re: GM 518 – Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee Geri Young, MD

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in strong support of GM 518 regarding the nomination of Geri Young, MD to the Hawai'i Medical Board.

I have had the pleasure of working with Geri Young, MD for several years in her role as Chief Medical Officer of Kaua'i Medical Clinic at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Dr. Young has served the youth of Kaua'i as a pediatrician for more than 35 years.

Dr. Young brings insight from the point of view of a seasoned and experienced health care administrator in both the private and public health care setting combined with a deep understanding of medical institutions and their roles in implementing change in our community. Dr. Young is a member of the Kaua'i Rural Health Association, serves on the Quality Improvement Advisory Committee of Aloha Care, serves on the board of Hale Opo and is on the Board of Directors for Puulu Lapaau, which assists health care providers. The Hawai'i Medical Board will be fortunate to have Geri's sharp expertise in serving to move forward the mission of the organization.

I strongly support Geri Young, MD to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 5, 2018

To: The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

From: Dr. Sidney Johnson, M.D, Chair
Board of Directors, Pu`ulu Lapaau

Subject: Governor's Message 518, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GERI YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2021

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kuroda, and Members of the Committee:

Pu`ulu Lapaau strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Geri Young to serve as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board.

Pu`ulu Lapaau is a private non-profit agency governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that includes eight licensed physicians. Our mission is to promote patient safety and care by improving the health, well-being and effectiveness of healthcare professionals. We do this by offering confidential support and advocacy for physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurses, dentists, psychologists, medical residents, medical students, and other healthcare providers.

Dr. Young has been a valuable member of our Board for about six years. She is very knowledgeable on issues related to the well-being of health care professionals; is an advocate for professionals so long as they demonstrate that they can practice safely; and has a keen awareness of the needs of our communities regarding health care services. Although she is already an accomplished professional, Dr. Young is an eager learner who makes efforts to remain abreast with issues current in health care locally and nationally. She regularly attends our meetings, even though they are held in Honolulu on weekday evenings, and during the meetings, she does not hesitate to ask sharp, insightful questions.

We believe that these qualities will make Dr. Young an effective member of the Hawaii Medical Board. We urge you to recommend that she be confirmed.

Testimony for
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Room 229

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

GM 518 Geri Young for Hawai'i Medical Board

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 518 Geri Young for a three year term on the Hawai'i Medical Board.

I am Lynn McCrory, and have worked with Gerri Young in her capacity as a physician and head of the Pediatric Department at Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kaua'i when I was the Chairperson for the hospital board, and also when Geri and I were Directors on Hawai'i Pacific Health's Board.

Her strengths are incredibly wide-ranging from strategy, to relationships throughout the healthcare industry, to management of complex systems, to asking the hard questions when they should be asked, to working as a leader and a team member, to understanding budgets and financial statements, to medical knowledge, and to bringing excitement and energy into every effort that involves her.

The Hawai'i Medical Board will benefit by her attention to detail and understanding of the big picture that will assure our community we have someone who cares deeply about Hawaii and its people. Geri will make a difference in whatever she does.

I humbly ask that you SUPPORT GM 518. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana
With warm aloha,

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GM-518

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Testimony for CPH on 3/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

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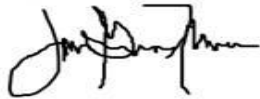
Senator Baker
Members of Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division

To whom this concerns,

I am pleased to write a recommendation letter in strong support of Dr. Geri Young as medical board member from Kauai. As a pediatrician for more than 35 years, she has served Hawaii youth. She has worked with the Kauai Medical Group and Kauai Medical Clinic, the Wilcox Medical Center, was appointed chief medical officer of Kauai Medical Clinic and now serves on the Board of Directors of at Hawaii Pacific Health. She continues active practice as a pediatrician.

I have known Dr. Young through service on the Physician Quality Improvement Advisory Committee of Aloha Care, She also serves on the Kauai Rural Health Association, serves on the board of Hale Opio and is on the Board of Directors for Puulu Lapaau. Personally, I have found Geri an invaluable team member, her consideration on all things having to do with patient safety and quality of care is at all times, thoughtful and considerate. I know her skill set and commitment to patient safety will make her an ideal candidate for the Medical Board. If I can answer any questions at all I'd be happy to make myself available.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jone Geimer-Flanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO, FACP, FACC

From: [Gary Okamoto](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Geri Young, MD, Gubernatorial Nominee for Hawaii Medical Board, GM-518
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 4:43:16 PM

Re: Geri Young, MD
Nominee, Hawaii Medical Board
Reference

Honorable Senator Baker:

It is my pleasure and honor to support the gubernatorial nomination of Dr. Geri Young, who is, in my opinion, one of Hawaii's finest physician leaders. I had known about Dr. Young for over 20 years, until I got to work with her as a member of AlohaCare's Practitioners Advisory Committee for the past three to four years.

Dr. Young has an outstanding reputation as an excellent pediatrician and primary care physician. Her professional exposure to standard of care in medicine is great, as is her broad and deep appreciation for the diversity of practitioners. She has the experience to recognize, objectively, providers who lack competence or behave in an unethical manner.

Dr. Young understands the 'community of providers,' in particular, on Kauai, through her role as Chief Medical Officer at Kauai Medical Clinic and active participation at Wilcox Memorial Medical Center, Lihue.

Dr. Young has other attributes. She is thoughtful, intelligent, pragmatic, fair-minded, and capable of being firm and steadfast based on principle. She listens, is approachable, and clear minded. She is a patient advocate and is community minded in terms of population health and financial responsibility.

I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. Geri Young to the Hawaii Medical Board. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Okamoto, MD
License Physician in Hawaii
Chief Medical Officer, AlohaCare
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Thank you.
