

GM624

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN BOYER, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

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9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 624, SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAREN BOYER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
06-30-2022.**

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 Nursing ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 624, regarding the **reappointment** of Karen Boyer to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Boyer's reappointment to the Board.

As the newest member of the Board, Ms. Boyer started her interim appointment in August 2017. Since then, she has attended 8 out of 9 meetings. In that short span of time, she has shown great progress and quickly become a dedicated board member.

Ms. Boyer is both a registered nurse and nurse educator and currently serves as the Nursing Department Chair at Kapiolani Community College. She has represented the Board at conferences of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Despite her busy schedule, Ms. Boyer attends and is always prepared for board meetings. She is a valued member of the Board's Education Committee, and her experience as nurse educator has been a great asset for the Education Committee and the Board.

Licensed as a registered nurse since August 1990 but new to the Board, Ms. Boyer's active participation in Board discussions and fresh perspective has enhanced the Board's cohesiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Ms. Boyer to the Board.



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Senator Rosalyn H Baker
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S Beretania St Room 230,
Honolulu, HI 96813

August 25, 2017

This is to provide a letter of reference for Karen Boyer, RN, MN, FNP in support of her nomination to serve on the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing. I have worked with Karen in her role as a senior faculty member in the Department of Nursing at Kapi'olani Community College since 2010 and more recently, since 2015 as the Nursing Department Chair.

As the Department Chair Karen:

- Facilitates and supports student success in the six nursing department programs including ADN, LPN to AS, PN, NĀ, Surgical Technologist and ARCH.
- Oversees clinical placements, the department budget, program assessment and the ADN accreditation process.

As a faculty member in the nursing department, Karen has:

- Taught all courses in the AS Degree program
- Served on numerous committees including Curriculum Course Review, Assessment and Approval as well as the department budget committee.
- Participated on the AS Degree program accreditation self-study reports, the site visits and review processes.

Karen excels at her work. Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) is privileged to have Karen as the nursing department chair with her focus on graduating nursing students who have higher education as a goal in becoming successful working nurses.

I recommend Karen Boyer, without reservation, for a position on the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing.

If I can provide any further information in support of her candidacy, please contact me at (808) 734-9569 or by email at ohaganp@hawaii.edu.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dr. Patricia O'Hagan'.

Aloha,
Dr. Patricia O'Hagan, Ph.D.
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August 23, 2017

Letter of Reference for Karen R. Boyer, FNP, MN, RN

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with honor to submit this letter of recommendation for Karen Boyer for membership on Hawaii Board of Nursing. I have known Karen for over ten years as the Director of the Associate of Science in Nursing program and currently as Nursing Department Chair. As the Associate Degree in Nursing Director, I worked closely with Karen and personally witness her strong leadership skills as she skillfully managed six diverse nursing programs and supported thirty full-time and part-time faculty members. Under Karen's leadership, Kapiolani Community College first-time NCLEX pass rate is the highest in the state, consisting exceeding 90%. She was instructional in the nursing program receiving full accreditation from Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) in 2013, the transition of the nursing ADN to a concept-based program, and joining the Hawaii State Nursing Consortium. As a member of the Consortium, ADN students can transfer seamlessly into University of Hawaii Manoa bachelor's program. Nearly fifty percent of our graduates continue their education either from PN to ADN or ADN to BSN.

Karen is an active member of the community. She regularly attends the Board of Nursing monthly meetings and serves on a number of community committees. She also serves on a number of the college's committees including Policy Development and actively engaged in the college's upcoming re-accreditation process.

Karen sets high expectations for the faculty and a stellar role model setting the standard for leaders of the future. Without any reservation, I strongly recommend Karen for membership on the Board of Nursing. With her expertise in nursing and her knowledge of the community, she will be a valuable asset to the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact me at paulette@hawaii.edu or 455-0446.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paulette L. Williams'.

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March 28, 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
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Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to submit a letter of recommendation for Karen Boyer in support of her nomination to the State Board of Nursing.

I have known Karen for over 20 years. My principle association with her has been as her colleague at Kapi'olani Community College where she has served as a member of the Nursing Department since 1990.

During her tenure at KCC, Karen has served as the Program Director for the Registered Nurse, Associate in Science Program (beginning in 1994 and in subsequent years) and the Nursing Department Chair, first from 1997-1999, and then from 2015 to present. Karen has both depth and breadth of knowledge of the issues and challenges surrounding health care in our state and those specifically related to the Nursing community. She is an experienced educator and administrator, and through the years, and at all levels, from instruction and mentoring to leadership, service, and beyond, Karen emerges as a champion.

Her diligence and commitment to service will carry over into her service on the State Board of Nursing, and I am confident that her contributions to the Board will be lasting ones.

I strongly endorse her nomination, and with great enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron K. Koseki'.

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