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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 709, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KATHRYN TAKETA-WONG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

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

My name is Constance Cabral, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 709, regarding the **reappointment** of Kathryn Taketa-Wong to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Taketa-Wong's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Taketa-Wong has served on the Board since July 1, 2014, and has attended every meeting since her appointment. Dr. Taketa-Wong comes to board meetings well-prepared, having read and reviewed all the materials and documents provided to Board members prior to meetings. As a result, she is able to discuss the business at hand and offer guidance to the Board on issues ranging from parenteral therapy to inquiries regarding naturopathic practices.

Owing to her experience as a practitioner, Dr. Taketa-Wong is able to participate in discussions relating to complicated issues before the Board. By bringing her

knowledge, background, and expertise to discussions, she offers a unique perspective that provides the Board with necessary information and knowledge to base its decisions.

The Department believes that Dr. Taketa-Wong'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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dr. Taketa-Wong to the Board.

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April 5, 2018

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Kathryn Taketa-Wong, ND, LAc for re-appointment to Board of Naturopathic Medicine

Dear Chair Baker and members of the Senate CPH Committee:

I have known Dr. Taketa-Wong for the past 10 years. She has been an active member of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians. She has completed a 4-year term as a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. And she is a leading specialist in Hawaii in the evaluation and treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

Dr. Taketa-Wong is a very intelligent naturopathic physician who has shown a great deal of commitment to her profession. Having served on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine myself for 16 years, I can attest that she is very well-qualified to continue her service on the Board for another 4-year term.

Please confirm her appointment.

Mahalo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Traub", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Traub, ND

From: [Dr. David Kern](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Kathryn Taketa, ND Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018 7:16:14 PM

Dear Senator Baker and members of the senate committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

I am writing on behalf of Kathryn Taketa, ND, for her re-appointment to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I have known Dr. Taketa for seven years. I have worked along side her in matters concerning the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians and more recently, as our vice-chair for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. Dr. Taketa consistently brings an enthusiasm and professionalism to all projects in which we have worked together. I have always found her well-prepared, knowledgeable and committed on a variety of discussions and decisions concerning the naturopathic profession in Hawaii. Dr. Taketa has a keen sense for detail and, as well, a very good sense of the big picture and context in which decisions are made. She is both clear and flexible in her contribution and decisions. Dr. Taketa is a professional of high integrity and I believe serves as an example to younger naturopathic doctors of what integrity and professionalism looks like, both as a clinician and a representative of our Board. She is, as well, an example of a committed naturopathic physician who understands and applies balance with her community, her profession and her family.

Should you have any further question regarding my support for Dr. Kathryn Taketa, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Mahalo!

David Kern, ND, LAc

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