

GM501

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Acupuncture, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEBORAH MCMENEMY, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Board of Acupuncture

Current Referral: CPH

Testimony of the Board of Acupuncture

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, March 29, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 501, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEBORAH MCMENEMY,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Relley Araceley, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Acupuncture (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Deborah McMenemy's interim appointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. McMenemy has been a licensed acupuncturist in Hawaii since April 19, 2010, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. Dr. McMenemy was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on December 19, 2018, and attended the only scheduled meeting on February 7, 2019, since being appointed.

Dr. McMenemy currently works at Wailuku Community Acupuncture and is responsible for the care of more than one thousand patients, as well as managing all non-profit aspects of the corporation. Dr. McMenemy is involved in various organizations within the acupuncture industry, both locally and nationally. The Board believes that Dr. McMenemy's dedication to the profession and her willingness to serve the public will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

From: [Barbara Ota](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: GM501
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 2:18:33 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Dr. Barbara Ota, DAc, DACM and am support of Dr. Deborah Menemy, DAc, DAOM's nomination to the Board of Acupuncture. I have found her to be a team player in our profession. Her desire to uplift standards and expand the profession for the safety and health of the people of Hawaii will be of great benefit as this medicine grows in our state.

Thank you for your time,

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Submitted on: 3/27/2019 5:34:18 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Minor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of recommendation as testimony in support of Deborah (Kepi) McMenemy's nomination and confirmation as a member of the Hawaii Board of Acupuncture. I have known Kepi for over 12 years in a variety of capacities, including as a fellow acupuncture student, colleague, and friend; I can think of no one finer to appoint to the Hawaii Acupuncture Board to protect and serve the acupuncture community, as well as to serve the citizens of the great state of Hawaii.

As a successful business woman returning to acupuncture school for a second education and career, Kepi was a pillar of support and guidance for her fellow classmates, and a dedicated student with a passion for Chinese medicine practice and for helping others.

First as an acupuncture student, then while working in administration at Five Branches University, and later in running her own business, Kepi has demonstrated time and time again great organizational skills, keen problem solving abilities, exceptional listening and communication skills, and a willingness to step into leadership roles where she has lead with grace, clarity, and wisdom.

As a Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, Kepi is a caring and accomplished practitioner who is dedicated to providing affordable healthcare to people from all walks of life, regardless of income level and ability to pay. She is a modern day example of the most fundamental ancient tenet of Chinese Medicine practice, which is that it is a medicine of the people which should be accessible to all people regardless of wealth, health, or social status. Kepi has shown great commitment and dedication to the practice of Chinese Medicine, her colleagues, her patients, her family, and to her friends, and she is well respected and well loved within her community. I have no doubt she will contribute greatly to the Hawaii Acupuncture Board, the citizens of Hawaii, and to the acupuncture profession as a whole. I whole-heartedly support and encourage her nomination and confirmation to the Hawaii Acupuncture Board.

Best regards,

Dr. Jennifer Minor, Dipl OM (NCCAOM), LAc, Dr. AOM

President, 6 Harmonies Traditional Medicine Center
Associate Professor, Five Branches University

From: [baker4 - Alisha](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Re:Dr. Deborah McMenemy
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:56:32 AM
Importance: High

Alisha T. Leisek

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From: Koji [mailto:kojialoha@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 7:35 AM
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Subject: Re:Dr. Deborah McMenemy
Importance: High

Dear Senator Rosalyn H Baker,

I am writing to express my support for Dr. Deborah McMenemy, Doctor of Acupuncture to the Board of Acupuncture as a professional member.

I have known Dr. Deborah McMenemy for the past 3 years and have the highest regard for her and found her to be a person of high moral character, integrity and honesty. I also consider her as one of the best proponent in the field of acupuncture. She served as the board member of Hawaii Acupuncture Association in 2018 and possesses outstanding credentials.

I humbly ask for your consideration in appointing Dr. Deborah McMenemy to the Board of Acupuncture, State of Hawaii.

Respectfully yours,

Koji Kajiwara L.Ac.
President of Hawaii Acupuncture Association



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March 21, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Senator
State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention to: The Board Commission Confirmation Committee
RE: Recommendation of Dr. Deborah J. McMenemy for Professional Member of the State
Board of Acupuncture.

Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to recommend Dr. Deborah J. McMenemy, D.Ac., DAOM, licensed acupuncturist to the Board of Acupuncture as professional member and ask your consideration.

I have known Dr. McMenemy for last six years and have the highest regard for her and consider her as one of the best proponent in the field of acupuncture and possessing outstanding credentials.

Dr. McMenemy is presently owner practitioner at 33 Central Avenue, Wailuku, HI 96793, as Wailuku Community Acupuncture.

I humbly ask for your consideration in confirming Dr. Deborah J. McMenemy who is a person of high integrity that she should carry out her duties and responsibilities as professional member of the Board of Acupuncture, State of Hawaii.

Respectfully yours,

Mike M. Hashimoto, D.Ac., Ph.D.
Former Member
Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture