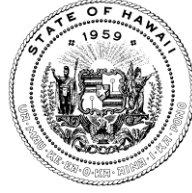


GM590

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Board of Chiropractic, Gubernatorial Nominee, GERALD SIMMONS, for a term to expire 06-30-2022..

Report Title: Hawai'i Board of Chiropractic

Current Referral: CPH



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**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. 590, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GERALD SIMMONS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Gerald Simmons' appointment to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board).

Mr. Simmons has nearly 20 years of experience running a medical office, including serving for 14 years as the office manager for Saito Chiropractic Office. Subsequent to managing Saito Chiropractic, Mr. Simmons worked part-time in the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Department believes Mr. Simmons' interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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To: **Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair**
Committee of Consumer Protection and Health

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee of Consumer Protection and Health

From: Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., D.C., F.I.C.C., President
Hawaii State Chiropractic Association

Date: March 25, 2019
Future Hearing on Governor's Message No. 590

Subject: **Support of GM 590, Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee:
Mr. Gerald C. Simmons
to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

My name is Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., and I am a practicing Doctor of Chiropractic in Hawaii for the past 40 years. Currently, I am the President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, and the Hawaii Delegate of the American Chiropractic Association, representing Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Saipan and the Mariana Islands. I am writing to you to urge you to confirm Mr. Gerald C. Simmons as the Public Member, nominated by Governor Ige to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

As a representative of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, we believe that Mr. Simmons will add a great deal of practical, professional and administrative knowledge to the effectiveness of the Hawaii Chiropractic Board of Examiners.

Mr. Simmons has had three decades of everyday practical experience as a Chiropractic Assistant and Office Manager in several well-established Chiropractic practices here in Hawaii.

Having dealt with the public, the insurance industry and the clinical side of everyday Chiropractic practice, we believe that Mr. Simmons will be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Please confirm Mr. Gerald C. Simmons as a Public Member nominee to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

GM-590

Submitted on: 3/26/2019 3:34:06 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen T. Kang-Kaulupali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

March 26, 2019

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Chair, Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee

Senate District 6

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 590 - In Strong Support of Mr. Gerald Simmons' Nomination to the State Board of Chiropractic (BOC)

Dear Chair Baker:

I am writing you to express my strong support of Mr. Gerald Simmons' nomination by Governor David Y. Ige to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for a term to expire June 30, 2022. I have known Mr. Simmons for many years and discussed health care issues with him regularly.

Mr. Simmons strikes me as an independent and fair-minded person. For many years, he has been an advocate for public safety. You can be assured that his professional opinions are honest, consistent and informed.

I feel his strong character, personal integrity, discipline and willingness to take on difficult challenges will make him a strong contributor to the BOC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Kangkaulupali@gmail.com (as I am on travel in Japan the week of Mr. Simmons' nomination hearing.)

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen T. Kang-Kaulupali, Pharm.D.

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March 26, 2019

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, CPH Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

RE: GM590
In Support of Gerald Simmons

Dear Senator Baker:

It is without hesitation that I am providing a reference for Mr. Gerald Simmons to be appointed to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners as a public member.

I have served on the board for the past 8 years. I have known Gerry for many years. Gerry will make an excellent public board member and I highly recommend him.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely

James A. Pleiss, DC

GM-590

Submitted on: 3/26/2019 10:51:25 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Canales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

I strongly Support Gerald Simmons (GM590) to sit on the Chiropractic Board. Ive know Gerry for over a decade with Region 5 Democrats. He is a great community organizer and meticulous in his work, helping on many projects within our Region (I.e. Fundraising, Mentoring, Organizer, Strategic Planning).

He brings a great attitude and is ready to work. A person with a clear mind with logical thinking.

Sincerely,

Steve Canales

From: [Dr. Robert Klein](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: GM590; Hearing on 3/29/19
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:19:37 AM

I support of the nomination of Gerald Simmons to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic.

Mr. Simmons is an upstanding member of the Hawaii community with relevant knowledge and awareness of chiropractic practice and the types of challenges the profession deals with. His willingness to volunteer for this board is an opportunity for the state to benefit. His participation would be an asset in regulating the chiropractic profession and assuring our public of both the quality and safety of care.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Klein, D.C.

Chairman, Hawaii Board of Chiropractic; term ending 6/30/19

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From: [Christine Sabolsky](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Subject: GM590- Support of Mr. Gerald Simmons" nomination to the State Board of Chiropractic (BOC)
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:45:07 PM

March 26, 2019

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee
Senate District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 590 - Support of Mr. Gerald Simmons' Nomination to the State Board of Chiropractic (BOC)

Dear Chair Baker:

I am writing to express my support of Mr. Gerald Simmons' nomination by Governor David Y. Ige to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

I have known Mr. Simmons for many years. He is honest, sincere, a good team player, listens to all sides of the issues, and a good problem solver. He was hired as a Recreation Aide for the Department of Parks and Recreation for many years. He tackled the scheduling of community groups who wanted to use fields at the Central Oahu Regional Park. This demanded good communication skills and fairness for all community groups.

I believe with his strong character, fairness and integrity Mr. Simmons would be an asset as a public lay person of the BOC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at csabolsky@yahoo.com.

Sincerely yours,

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