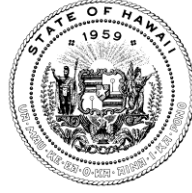


GM615

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANNY TAKANISHI, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

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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. 615, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DANNY TAKANISHI, JR.,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

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 Dr. Danny Takanishi's appointment to the Hawaii Medical Board (Board).

Dr. Takanishi has been a licensed physician in Hawaii for 30 years, specializing in surgery, and has earned numerous honors and awards throughout his career. In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Takanishi has assisted students through his academic appointments at The University of Chicago and the University of Hawaii.

Dr. Takanishi is actively involved in the Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, including serving as president from 2010 to 2014. He also served on the Board from 2006 to 2014, including his five years as chair.

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The Department believes that Dr. Takanishi's interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and experience in the profession will make him an invaluable asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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To:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Date: March 29, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Room 229

From: Hawaii Medical Association

Jerry Van Meter, MD, President

Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Re: GM 615 – Consideration and confirmation of **Danny Takanishi, MD** to the Hawaii Medical Board

Position: SUPPORT

On behalf of Hawaii's physician and student members, the Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Danny Takanishi, MD to the Hawaii Medical Board and urges the Committee to confirm this nomination. Dr. Takanishi has demonstrated himself to be a strong clinician and physician leader amongst his peers and will continue to serve the Hawaii public well in this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Senator Baker
Hawaii state legislature

Re: GM615 appointment of Dr. Danny Takanishi

March 25, 2019

Dear Sen. Baker:

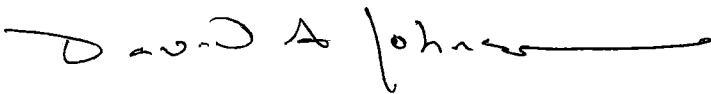
I am writing to your office in support of the appointment of Dr. Danny Takanishi to the Hawaii Medical Board. I have known and interacted with Dr. Takanishi for nearly a decade in his earlier role as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board and currently through his contributions to the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

Let me speak first to his service on the latter. The interests of the American public are safeguarded in part by the requirement that every physician must pass an independent assessment of his/her knowledge and skills as a condition for initial medical licensure. Dr. Takanishi has been stalwart in his contributions both in writing content for the USMLE but also in his role as a member of the program's management committee that oversees the operations of the USMLE. His volunteer efforts in assessment have extended to the assessment commonly used by state medical boards to evaluate previously licensed physicians (Special Purpose Examination) which questions arise regarding the individual's knowledge base.

Returning Dr. Takanishi to serve on the Hawaii Medical Board would be a positive for the citizens of Hawaii. His prior experience on the Hawaii board, his extensive efforts in assessment and familiarity with the national context of issues confronting state medical boards (e.g., telemedicine, opioid prescribing, etc) mean that he can serve at the highest level on behalf of patients in Hawaii.

My own extensive interactions with Danny over these many years has been extremely positive. His intelligence, his willingness to consider complex issues thoughtfully and his collaborative nature make him an ideal candidate to return to the Hawaii board.

Sincerely,



David Johnson
Senior Vice President, Federation of State Medical Boards

