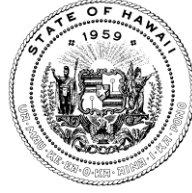


GM618

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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. 618, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WESLEY MUN,
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 Mr. Wesley Mun's appointment to the Hawaii Medical Board (Board).

Mr. Mun has nearly 40 years of experience in health care and insurance administration and corrections. His resume includes serving as the vice president of operations for Hawaii Dental Service from 1992 to 1995 and the corrections health care division administrator for the State's Public Safety Department from 1999 to 2006 and 2007 to 2018. Currently, Mr. Mun is a semi-retired consultant for WM and Associates.

In addition, Mr. Mun is actively involved in the community. He is president of the Pearlridge Rotary Club and vice president of the Kung Sheong Doo Chinese Society.

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Mr. Mun is eager to join the Board and acquire a new challenge that will utilize his professional experience.

The Department believes that Mr. Mun's 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.

DAVID Y. IGE
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March 28, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health
State Capitol, Room 230
415 S. Beretania Street
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RE: GM 618 – Nomination of Wesley Mun to the Hawaii Medical Board

Dear Chairperson Baker:

I write in strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Wes Mun to the Medical Board. As you know, Wes served as Administrator of the Department of Public Safety's (PSD) Health Care Division until his retirement last December. He had served in that position under former PSD Director Ted Sakai, and upon my appointment to succeed Director Sakai in 2014, I asked Wes to continue in this important role.

Wes possesses great knowledge about the health care system – how it has evolved and affects individuals; organizations and government entities locally and nationally; as well as, practitioners, including physicians. He is thoughtful and analytical, which are important assets in assessing the aptitude and performance of both people and programs. In addition, Wes is an energetic sort of person, who will quickly move to get the job done.

For these reasons, I support Wes Mun's nomination to the Hawaii Medical Board and urge the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health to advise and consent to his confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nolan P. Espinda". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nolan P. Espinda
Director

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Submitted on: 3/27/2019 3:41:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Testifying for Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center is in strong support of the nomination of Wes Munn. I personally have worked with Wes for decades in various capacities. More recently, as the individual in charge of the delivery of health care in the prison system he has been a genuine ally to us and has made himself very available to address concerns we receive from families of inmates. He has always been a "straight shooter" and his candid appraisal of situations has been extremely valuable. We have every reason to believe he would be a huge asset to the Hawaii Medical Board and we urge the Committee to support his confirmation.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2019 10:21:13 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
genevieve salmonson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

March 27, 2019

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Cathy Ross

SUBJECT: GM 618, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, WESLEY MUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

I am writing in **strong support** for the confirmation of Mr. Wesley Mun to the Hawaii Medical Board. Mr. Mun has a proven record of quality service and leadership in both the private and public sector health care settings. Additionally, he is a fair and objective decision maker and deftly navigates complex and difficult situations.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of the nomination of Mr. Mun to the Hawaii Medical Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.