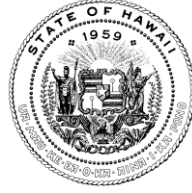


# GM682

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY MURAI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.
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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Friday, April 5, 2019  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 682, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AMY MURAI,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020**

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 Ms. Amy Murai's appointment to the State Board of Nursing (Board).

Ms. Murai has nearly 40 years of experience in nursing. She has been a nurse practitioner both on the mainland and in Hawaii. She also spent the last 16 years as a clinical research nurse coordinator at Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research in Hawaii.

In addition to Ms. Murai's extensive work history, she is also active in the community. She previously served on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and as co-chair of the Board's Practice Committee from 2009 to 2014.

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The Department believes that Ms. Murai'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.

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Testimony for CPH on 4/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am happy to strongly recommend Amy Stone Murai (“Amy”) for membership to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing (“BON”). While serving on the BON, Amy was a key member with whom I worked closely in nearly every initiative that the board implemented. Amy not only understood the BON statutes and rules, she was also familiar with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing’s Nurse Practice Act and Rules. She is well versed in the duties of board and was a valuable research partner on many complex issues dealing with national nursing standards. She was one of the most efficient board members I had the privilege to work with and learn from throughout my tenure. She is familiar with the evaluation of applications for nurse licensure, understands the importance of closely studying individual cases of applicants for licensure with prior or pending disciplinary action and/or prior or pending criminal action. She was thorough, fair-minded, and stuck to the letter of the law when critical decision making was required. She is very bright, able to clearly express her concerns or support of board issues. She volunteered to research complex issues for the board while managing a successful career as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. She is compassionate, loving, and a lot of fun as well. Her familiarity with the DCCA’s and the Board’s statutes /administrative rules, helped tremendously when disciplinary actions against a nurse is necessary, as well as, knowing the boundaries of the board. She worked well with the deputy Attorney General. She fully understood the critical difference in requiring appropriate discipline for nurses with criminal intent, lacked in nursing knowledge, or are impaired by chemical dependencies.

Amy Stone Murai is a wonderful, highly qualified candidate to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I wholeheartedly support her nomination to be on the Board for the good of Hawaii and its people.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Kathy Yokouchi, former Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing/Legislative Consultant for the Hawaii State Center for Nursing

April 2, 2019

Attn: Office of the Senator Rosalyn Baker

State Capitol, Room 230

Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Rosalyn Baker & Committee

This letter is in support of Amy Stone Murai, MS, APRN, CHRC in her nomination to be a member of the Hawaii State Board of Nursing.

I am a Nurse Practitioner who similarly is dedicated to the State of Hawaii's community as the Medical Director of the Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, a non-profit organization formed from a recent merger between two non-profits (The Life Foundation & The CHOW Project) which have served the most marginalized communities of Hawaii for over 25 years. Our particular focus is to serve those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental health, and substance abuse, the LGBT, and Native Hawaiian communities.

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to support Amy's return to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing after being an integral leader on the board in rewriting and successfully passing an extensive update to State nursing practice regulation and serving two terms on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Bylaws Committee. Amy has extensive knowledge of the nursing profession having been a Nurse for 44 years and a Nurse Practitioner for 41 of those years. She has a wealth of experience in the field of nursing as well as the larger healthcare sector and understands the importance of bringing multiple perspectives in both support of development and or resolution to issues. Amy recognizes that nursing is a constantly evolving profession, and board members must be future oriented, willing to explore relevant learnings from our own and other professions, analyze issues, and formulate appropriate regulation to guide employers, nurses, and the communities they serve. She is detailed oriented and works well in a wide variety of settings; particularly adept at working with a team. Amy will be a fantastic asset to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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