

GM685

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, TAMMIE NAPOLEON, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: State Board of Nursing

Current Referral: CPH

Testimony of the Board of Nursing

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 685, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF NURSING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TAMMIE NAPOLEON,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Tammie Napoleon's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Napoleon currently represents the Kauai County Registered Nurse/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) position and is one of three nursing educators currently serving on the Board.

Ms. Napoleon is a Professor of Nursing, APRN with Kauai Community College. In addition to teaching, Ms. Napoleon also provides direct patient services at Kauai Community College Wellness Center – Adolescent Health and assists family practice physicians with patient care at Kapa`a Family Physicians.

Despite her demanding schedule, Ms. Napoleon finds time to be a contributing board member. Since her original appointment in 2015, she has attended 32 out of 39 meetings and is also a member of the Board's Education Committee.

Ms. Napoleon has also represented the Board at National Council of State Boards of Nursing conferences and seminars and currently sits on the NCLEX Item Review Sub-Committee (NIRSC), which met five times last year.

Her dedication to the profession is clearly reflected in her interest and ability to serve on the Board, despite her teaching and clinical responsibilities, and her willingness to participate in the NIRSC meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
April 12, 2019 9:30 a.m.**

**by
Laura Reichhardt, MS, AGNP-C, APRN
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

GM685 Consideration and Confirmation of Tammie Napoleon to the State Board of Nursing

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

With this letter, I wish to share my strong support for the approval of gubernatorial nominee, Dr. Tammie Napoleon, to continue service on the Hawai'i Board of Nursing.

Tammie Napoleon is well suited to fulfill the duties of a nurse on the Hawai'i Board of Nursing. As associate professor of nursing at Kaua'i Community College, she is active in upholding educational standards and securing clinical learning experiences for future licensed practical and registered nurses. In addition, as a doctorally prepared advanced practice registered nurse on a rural, neighbor island, she understands educational standards, scope of practice, and challenges and opportunities in practicing at all the licensure levels for nursing.

Dr. Napoleon is a critical thinker, practical and aspirational, as well as grounded as an academician and clinician. As the Director of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, I have the pleasure of working with Dr. Napoleon on workforce research and workforce development issues. Additionally, as a frequent attendee of Hawai'i Board of Nursing meetings and as a frequent collaborator with the board, Dr. Napoleon's contributions maintain the high quality of the board and its outputs.

It is with great pleasure that I support the nomination of Dr. Tammie Napoleon for continued service on the Hawai'i Board of Nursing.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Reichhardt".

Laura Reichhardt, MS, APRN, AGNP-C
Director, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

From: [Katharyn Daub](#)
To: [baker4 - Alisha](#)
Subject: Reappointment to Hawaii Board of Nursing: Dr. Tammy Napolean
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 7:33:17 PM

Dear Honorable Senator Baker,

I would like to nominate Dr. Tammy Napolean for reappointment to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. Dr. Napolean has been of great assistance on the Education Committee for which I chair. As a fellow board member she is very valuable adding to questions that arise , especially in her area of expertise as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner with a Pediatric specialty. She is always well prepared and very well respected. I often share a cab ride with her from the airport on our way to board meetings and we have great conversations about safety and healthcare in general. I hope that you would humbly consider her reappointment. She is an important member of our Board.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

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