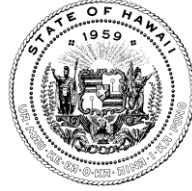


GM703

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dentistry, Gubernatorial Nominee, GEORGE WESSBERG, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Board of Dentistry

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, April 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 703, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GEORGE WESSBERG,
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. George Wessberg's appointment to the Board of Dentistry (Board) as a licensee member.

An experienced oral surgeon, Dr. Wessberg has practiced dentistry since the 1980s. He was the chief of oral surgery at Queen's Medical Center and chief of dentistry at Kapiolani Medical Center. In addition, Dr. Wessberg has served on committees and boards related to his practice, including serving as president of the Hawaii Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and director of Hawaii Dental Service.

Dr. Wessberg has also demonstrated his desire to serve the community outside of dentistry, including serving as director of the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii.

The Department believes that Dr. Wessberg'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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April 11, 2019

GM 702 & GM 703

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang and members of the committee!

We are writing on behalf of the Hawaii Dental Association Board of Trustees and the 980 members of the Hawaii Dental Association. We recommend the confirmation of the appointment of George Wessberg, DDS, to the Hawaii State Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Wessberg is an Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon practicing on Oahu since 1981 and is a member in good standing of the American Dental Association, the Hawaii Dental Association, and the Honolulu County Dental Society.

Dr. Wessberg is committed to excellence in dentistry and will serve with distinction on the Board of Dental Examiners. The Hawaii Dental Association gives its utmost support for his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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April 11, 2019

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker,

This letter is in support of Dr. George Wessberg.

My first experience with George was nearly 30 years ago, as a teenager having my wisdom teeth removed. At the time, I just thought of him as a really great oral surgeon.

Years passed and as I was finishing dental school, I reconnected with George to have him mentor and advise me. I was a young dental graduate... full of hope, excitement and fear. George took me under his wing and kept me on the straight and narrow. Now, I saw him as a generous mentor... willing to share his experiences and knowledge with me.

Fast forward to present day... George and I have a great working relationship. The vast majority of my patients who are in need of an oral surgeon are referred to George. He has not only confirmed that he's a very talented surgeon, but he's also proven that he holds himself to the highest ethical standards in dentistry. I still see him as a great oral surgeon and generous mentor, but now he's also a friend and colleague. Even though he's been in the dental profession longer than I have and has mentored me throughout the years, he treats me with nothing but respect.

Please consider George Wessberg for the position on your Senate Committee. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Koyanagi', written in a cursive style.

Reid T. Koyanagi, DDS

Norman S. Chun, D.M.D.
Pediatric Dentistry

Dear Governor Ige;

I am recommending Dr. George Wessberg for the Board of Dentistry with whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for over 40 years. He has been a long time leader with the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii. He has also been a Board of Director for the Hawaii Dental Service (HDS).

As a maxillofacial surgeon he will bring his expertise and experience to the Board of Dentistry. His compassion towards all patients of all walks of life will bring a calming and educated voice to the Board of Dentistry. Please accept his application to the Board of Dentistry with full confidence he will be a great agent for the state of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

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Senator Baker,

I am writing in support of Dr. George Wessberg's nomination to the Board of Dentistry. I have known George professionally for 20 years. He is, in my opinion, one of the most ethical and professional dentists I know here in Hawaii. Not only is he an excellent oral surgeon, clinically, but he also is very knowledgeable of all things pertaining to the practice of dentistry. He is able to work well with all different types of people and personality types. He has always shown utmost care and concern for patients I have referred to him. He would make good decisions about protecting the public and be able to look at issues fairly.

Please consider him for this position. He would be a true asset to the board.

Sincerely,

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