

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3590**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 19 2020

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 605,  
606, 608

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 605, 606, and 608, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAII MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

G.M. No. 605	TODD SETO, for a term to expire 06-30-2023;
G.M. No. 606	JOSEPH STERBIS, for a term to expire 06-30-2023; and
G.M. No. 608	KATHRYN RYDER, for a term to expire 06-30-2023,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Todd Seto, Joseph Sterbis, and Kathryn Ryder for service on the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

TODD SETO

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Todd Seto from the University of Hawaii System, The Queen's Health Systems, and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Todd Seto's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be appointed to the Hawaii Medical Education Council as a

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representative of a hospital at which accredited graduate medical education programs are conducted. Your Committee notes that Dr. Seto has been a physician specializing in cardiology since 1994 and also holds a master's degree in public health. Dr. Sato was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1994 and earned his Hawaii medical license in 1999. Dr. Seto is currently a cardiologist and Director of Academic Affairs and Research at Queen's Medical Center focusing on non-invasive cardiology and outcomes research. Previously, Dr. Seto also held several academic appointments. Your Committee finds that Dr. Seto has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of council members and his extensive experience in medicine and related academia will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Seto be appointed to the Hawaii Medical Education Council based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

#### JOSEPH STERBIS

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Joseph Sterbis from the University of Hawaii System.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Joseph Sterbis' background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be appointed to the Hawaii Medical Education Council as a member representing a hospital at which accredited graduate medical education programs are conducted. Your Committee notes that Dr. Sterbis has been a physician since 1996, was certified by the American Board of Urologists in 2011, and is currently the Director of Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official at Tripler Army Medical Center. Dr. Sterbis has also held academic appointments inside and outside of the military and has an extensive record of publication. Your Committee finds that Dr. Sterbis has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of council members and his extensive experience in medicine and related academia will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Sterbis be appointed to the Hawaii Medical Education Council based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.



KATHRYN RYDER

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Kathryn Ryder from the University of Hawaii System.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Kathryn Ryder's background and dedication to serving the public qualify her to be appointed to the Hawaii Medical Education Council as a member representing the federal health care sector. Your Committee notes that Dr. Ryder has been a physician since 1996 and also holds a master's degree in epidemiology. Dr. Ryder was certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners in 1992, earned her Tennessee medical license in 1998, and has held numerous academic appointments. Dr. Ryder is currently the Acting Director of the United States Veteran Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System. Your Committee finds that Dr. Ryder has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of council members and her extensive background and leadership will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Ryder be appointed to the Hawaii Medical Education Council based on her knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



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Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	<i>/</i>			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	<i>/</i>			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	<i>/</i>			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	<i>/</i>			
FEVELLA, Kurt	<i>/</i>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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