

Testimony of the Board of Acupuncture

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 512, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEBORAH MCMENEMY,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Relley Araceley, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Acupuncture (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Deborah McMenemy's reappointment to the Board as an acupuncturist member.

Dr. McMenemy has served on the Board since December 19, 2018, and she currently serves as vice chairperson of the Board. She has attended all board meetings since her appointment.

Dr. McMenemy has been licensed as an acupuncturist in Hawaii since April 19, 2010, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She is currently employed by Wailuku Community Acupuncture and is responsible for the care of more than 1,000 patients and for managing all nonprofit aspects of the corporation.

Dr. McMenemy is also involved in various organizations within the acupuncture industry, both locally and nationally. Her dedication to the profession and invaluable insight in board discussions compel the Board to support her reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony in Support GM 512

To the Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Senate CPH Committee:

We, the Hawaii Acupuncture Association, have the honor to submit testimony in Support of GM 512, and the appointment of Dr. Deborah McMenemy to the Board of Acupuncture for a term expiring on 6/30/2024.

Dr. McMenemy is a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and is a Licensed Acupuncturist in the State of Hawaii. She has currently been serving our profession as a member of the Board of Acupuncture, and has previously been a Director of the Hawaii Acupuncture Association. Dr. McMenemy is dedicated to public service with a long history of community service. She currently serves as president and clinical director of Wailuku Community Acupuncture on Maui. She is exemplary in her dedication and fairness within our Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine community.

Thank you for this opportunity to highly recommend and support Dr. McMenemy, GM 512, for the appointment to serve the Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture.

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Aloha and to whom it may concern,

My name is Joanna Tablang. I am a customer of Dr kepi Mcmenemmy of Wailuku Community Acupuncture.

I am also a owner of a CrossFit gym here on Maui.

For myself I have used her for almost 3 years and have had such amazing results in my emotional and physical health. In addition I have recommended her to my athletes for their own health and emotional concerns.

She has made great contributions to her community and is a joy to work with. She is very professional and discreet with each of her patients but what I love most about her is her nurturing demeanor that makes it feel very comfortable to work with and be around. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion about Dr kepi Mcmenemmy. She will make an excellent contribution to anything that she is a part of.

Sincerely, Joanna M Tablang