

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. 513, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JONI KROLL,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

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. Joni Kroll's reappointment to the Board as an acupuncturist member.

Dr. Kroll has served on the Board since September 30, 2015, and she currently serves as chairperson of the Board. She has attended 25 out of 26 board meetings since her appointment.

Dr. Kroll has been licensed as an acupuncturist in Hawaii since November 13, 1989, and her license is current, valid, and in good standing. She is currently employed by Kailua Acupuncture Clinic, LLC and is responsible for the care of many patients who reside on Oahu.

Dr. Kroll 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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RE: Joni Kroll, Licensed Acupuncturist (GM 513)

To: Senator Roz Baker
Chair of Consumer Protection Committee

From: Wai Hoa Low, DAOM, MBA, L.Ac.
President/CEO
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I am writing to express my strong support and recommendation for Dr. Joni Kroll, D.Ac. to serve on the Acupuncture Board. She has an extensive educational and professional background in acupuncture. Dr. Joni Kroll, has been in practice for over twenty years in Hawaii.

I have known her for over 20 years and finds that she has the necessary character, experience, and qualifications to serve on the Acupuncture Board. Dr. Joni Kroll have taught many continuing education classes and events to the acupuncture community. She is a practitioner in good standing. I highly recommend Dr. Joni Kroll to serve on your organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me at (808) 521-2288 or email whlow@orientalmedicine.edu if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wai Hoa Low, DAOM, MBA, L.Ac.
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RE: GM513

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Chang and members of the committee,

Dr. Kroll has been licensed to practice acupuncture by the State of Hawaii since 1989, and has effectively and safely treated thousands of patients with acupuncture. She is a leader in the Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture community and currently Chair of the Board of Acupuncture. Additionally, she is a frequent lecturer at the Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and past Chair of the Hawai'i Acupuncture Association

I have known Dr. Kroll since 2006 when, as a newcomer to the island, she welcomed me into the healthcare arena with true aloha. She shared her mana`o about important historical and cultural issues that helped me to quickly assimilate into the Hawai'i healthcare `ohana. While I was Chair of the Hawai'i State Board of Acupuncture, Joni served alongside me as Vice-Chair. Her knowledge of the legislative history of acupuncture of our state is invaluable. Today, I am a Board Commissioner for the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and Dr. Kroll and I frequently discuss the state of healthcare - we cross paths at legislative hearings, press events and integrative medicine conferences.

Dr. Kroll is a consummate and akamai professional and with strong leadership skills. While the great medical institutions on the mainland are leading the way in integrative medicine, it is a process that is not always easy. We need rational, intelligent practitioners like Joni to help lead our profession and to help ensure the highest standards of practice, safety and transparency in Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture.

I strongly recommend that the Committee approve the nomination of Dr. Joni Kroll, D.Ac., to the Board of Acupuncture.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Jayne Tsuchiyama, DAOM, D.Ac, Dipl. OM (NCCAOM)

From: [Dr. Malik Cotter](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 10:09:12 AM

Aloha. It is my pleasure to write on behalf of Dr. Joni Kroll in support of her nomination to the State of Hawai'i Board of Acupuncture for a second term.

I have known Dr. Kroll for over 35 years and have only known her to be diligent in her work as a physician and as a community leader. Dr. Kroll is a hard-working individual who displays the qualities of fair-mindedness as well as clear decision making, being forthright, honest, possessing a high degree of integrity and a strong work ethic.

As a physician, a friend and colleague of Dr. Kroll and a former member of the State of Hawai'i Board of Acupuncture and past chairperson, I feel very comfortable saying that Dr. Kroll would add value to any project or committee that she is involved in.

I hold Dr. Kroll in high esteem and without reservation recommend her as an Acupuncture board member.

-- Sincerely, Dr. William Malik Cotter
Maui, Hawai'i

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