

**Testimony of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine**

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

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 525, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOY KIMURA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Joy Kimura's appointment to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Kimura was appointed to the Board on an interim basis in September 2019 as the Board's newest public member.

Ms. Kimura works for the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust in Government Relations and Compliance, and she has experience conducting research and analysis with various state departments. Ms. Kimura has a personal interest in the practice of naturopathic medicine and has expressed motivation to support safe and effective consumer access to its services.


Ms. Kimura is quickly familiarizing herself with the Board's responsibilities and duties involved in granting, suspending, and revoking licenses, promulgating administrative rules, and enforcing provisions governing the State's regulation of naturopathic physicians. She is inquisitive about relevant policies and procedures and understands the expectation that board members regularly attend and participate in the Board's functions. Importantly, Ms. Kimura continues to express a strong interest in participating in policy and consumer protection issues at the board level.

The Board believes that Ms. Kimura's combination of experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service make her a strong choice for appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

## TESTIMONY

**To:** Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on  
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

**From:** Dori Palcovich 

**Re:** GM525 – Joy Kimura

**Date:** March 4, 2020 – Conference Room 229 at 9:30 a.m.

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Please accept my testimony, as an individual, in **strong support** of Ms. Joy Kimura for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine for a term to expire 6-30-2022.

I have known Ms. Kimura for the past 20 years, beginning with her tenure at the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. During these twenty years, I have found Joy to be an individual of high integrity, good judgment, extremely thoughtful with valuable perspective, and a hardworking individual.

I believe that Ms. Kimura's various roles in both federal and state government administration have given her a wide range of experience and increased responsibility that will, without a doubt, benefit any state board she serves on.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Kimura to be a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.