

**Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy**

**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. 527, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SHERI TOKUMARU,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06/30/2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Sheri Tokumaru's reappointment to the Board as a pharmacist member from Oahu.

Ms. Tokumaru was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on May 16, 2019 and she has attended 8 out of 8 meetings since her appointment. She has been licensed as a pharmacist in Hawaii since 2001.

Ms. Tokumaru is currently an associate professor at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICOP), teaching cardiac, neurology, infectious disease, gastrointestinal disorders, pharmacokinetics, and law courses. She is also a preceptor at the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit in The Queen's Medical Center.

Ms. Tokumaru's vast knowledge as an educator in the practice of pharmacy will make her an invaluable member of the Board. In addition, her affiliation with the DKICOP will allow the Board to maintain its collaborative relationship with the only nationally accredited pharmacy school in Hawaii.

Ms. Tokumaru is always prepared for board meetings, does her homework, and is not afraid to participate in any discussions or to ask questions. She is always professional and has the respect of her colleagues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: Marcy Rapp, Director, Pharmacy Operations, The Queen's Medical Center  
Date: March 2, 2020  
Hrg: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Hearing; Wednesday,  
March 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Room 229

Re: Support for GM 527 Gubernatorial Nominee Sheri Tokumaru to the Board of Pharmacy

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The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a nonprofit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, 66 health care centers and labs, and more than 1,500 affiliated physicians and providers statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen's appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Sheri Tokumaru to the Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Tokumaru has shown tremendous dedication to training current and future pharmacists for the State of Hawaii. She is currently the Director of Interprofessional Education and Development at the University of Hawaii-Hilo's Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy; a residency program director for the post-graduate year two critical care pharmacy residency program at The Queen's Medical Center; and a University of Hawaii associate professor at The Queen's Medical Center, giving support and mentorship to the preceptors. Ms. Tokumaru is also a clinical pharmacist in the neurosciences intensive care unit at The Queen's Medical Center, providing appropriate pharmacotherapy to this specific patient population. She is highly recommended by her peers in the pharmacy department and is considered a great asset.

We strongly support her gubernatorial nomination.

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February 29, 2020

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

RE: Hawai'i State Board of Pharmacy Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Sheri Tokumaru

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Dr. Sheri Tokumaru as a candidate for the Oahu seat for Director on the Hawai'i State Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Tokumaru has served one year as a Director in order to finish another Director's term. I have known Dr. Tokumaru since 2009 and hired her as an Assistant Professor in Pharmacy Practice at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Her area of specialty is in critical care medicine; most specifically she is faculty-in-residence at The Queens Medical Center Neurointensive Care Unit. Her duties include precepting pharmacy students at this clinical site, classroom teaching, community service and research. Additionally she is also the Director of Interprofessional Education for the college and is responsible for coordinating educational curriculum with the other health care programs in the UH system which includes JABSOM, UH Manoa Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work and the Department of Public Health.

I strongly support Dr. Tokumaru's application because her expertise in hospital pharmacy is a valuable contribution not offered by any other Directors. Her work with other professions also brings a unique perspective and experience as our profession deals with many other health professionals. As an academic pharmacist, she also can help to prepare our students for the start of their careers in curriculum development and a better understanding of the administrative rules that govern a safe pharmacy practice to better serve the public.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional questions.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carolyn Ma'.

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March 1, 2020  
Roy Alan Goo, PharmD  
Associate Professor and Chair, Pharmacy Practice Dept  
Re: GM658 Sheri Tokumaru Nomination Board of Pharmacy

It is my privilege to write this letter in support of of Sheri Tokumaru's nomination for the Board of Pharmacy. I have known Dr. Tokumaru for 9 years, as a colleague and department chair. During this time Dr. Tokumaru has distinguished herself as extremely meticulous with a great attention for detail, particularly when it comes to the development of patient care processes that ensure patient safety while still creating an effective learning environment for students and post-graduate residents. Dr. Tokumaru's experience as an advanced practice critical care pharmacist and her involvement with multidisciplinary and national workgroups provides her with the insight necessary to help advance the practice of pharmacy in Hawaii and improve the overall quality and access to care for Hawaii's residents.

As a Pharmacy Board Member, Dr. Tokumaru will be a strong asset in ensuring and improving public safety and access to care.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roy Alan Goo".

Roy Alan Goo, PharmD  
Associate Professor and Chair, Dept of Pharmacy Practice  
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