

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**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. 538, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FRANKLIN DAO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Franklin Dao's reappointment to the Board as a physician member from Oahu.

Dr. Dao has been licensed as a physician since April 22, 1997, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He is currently chairperson of the Perinatal Committee for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Queen's Medical Center. Dr. Dao also holds a clinical faculty position with the University of Hawaii's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and he is a trainer and mentor for physicians completing their graduate medical education.

Dr. Dao attended his first Board meeting in May 2017. He understands the requirements and responsibilities of serving on the Board, including: attending meetings regularly; preparing for discussion by reviewing meeting materials; and having a clear understanding of the Board's laws and rules.

The Board believes that Dr. Dao's interest in serving on the Board, professional expertise, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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

From: Whitney Limm, MD, Executive Vice President, Clinical Integration and Chief Physician
Executive, The Queen's Health Systems

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 538 Gubernatorial Nominee Franklin Dao to the Hawaii Medical Board

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 Dr. Franklin Dao to the Hawaii Medical Board. Dr. Dao has served as Assistant Vice-Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Queen's Medical Center and is a respected physician, currently in private practice with TTNYPD&D Obstetrics and Gynecology Inc.

We strongly support his gubernatorial nomination.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

From: [Akaka, Gerard](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: GM538- Hawaii Medical Board Member- nomination for 2nd term- Dr Frank Dao
Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 6:24:17 PM

Aloha,

It's my privilege to strongly support Dr Frank Dao for another term as a Hawaii Medical Board Member. I've known Dr Dao for much more than 10yrs as an OB/GYN at The Queen's Medical Center. I had the additional honor of serving with him on the Hawaii Medical Board. His clinical knowledge, experience and judgement were valuable as we discussed complex issues. I highly recommend Dr Dao for another term.

Mahalo,
Gerard Akaka, M.D.
Vice President of Native Hawaiian Affairs & Clinical Support
The Queen's Health Systems
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March 2, 2020

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Chair, Consumer Protection and Health

Re: Letter of Recommendation of Franklin Dao, M.D., ID: GM 538

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr. Franklin Dao to the Hawaii Medical Board.

I have known Dr. Dao for over 20 years as a physician colleague at the Queen's Medical Center. Dr. Dao continues to dedicate his time to improve healthcare at our institution which include island facilities. He is well respected by his colleagues and other members of the healthcare community which includes administrators, nurses and allied professionals. His knowledge and commitment are traits that are well appreciated.

His thoughtfulness and fairness are well known by many who have served with him on multiple committees.

He is a great asset to our community and I enthusiastically recommend Dr. Dao to the Hawaii Medical Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Sato', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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