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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM556
Consideration and Confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board Gubernatorial
Nominee, JODI ANN NAKAOKA, for a term to expire 06-30-2022

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 5/12/2020 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Governor's message requests confirmation of Jodi Ann Nakaoka
- 3 for appointment to the Radiologic Technology Board.
- 4 Ms. Nakaoka has been a productive resource for the Radiologic Technology Board on which she
- 5 has served previously as the board's chairperson. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology
- 6 in 1993 and Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology in 1995, and has been practicing as a
- 7 radiographer and mammographer since that time. She also received her Masters of Education in
- 8 2007, and is currently employed as the Clinical Coordinator at the Kapiolani Community
- 9 College, Radiologic Technology Program. Kapiolani Community College is an accredited
- 10 school that trains the majority of radiologic technology students in Hawaii. Her experience,
- 11 educational background, and teaching credentials are valuable to the board, and her re-
- 12 appointment will be a positive benefit to the board's effectiveness.
- 13 **Offered Amendments:** None.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Radiologic Technology Board?

First, I am a teacher. However, as any teacher will tell you, we are life-long students, and we thrive on learning new things and passing on that knowledge to others. I believe I have knowledge and experience that would be helpful to the Board, and look forward to what new things I will learn as a Board member. Second, I am a healthcare professional. I chose this profession so that I could be a part of the team that keeps our 'ohana, healthy, but I also understand the huge responsibility we have as technologists to ensure the safety of our patients. Last, but not least, I am a mom. I want to instill in my children the values I hold, and hope that one day they will understand the importance of public service and will be advocates for something they believe in.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Radiologic Technology Board?

I believe it is the responsibility of the Board members to be knowledgeable about current practices nationwide, the pros and cons of current laws and practices in the state of Hawai'i, and advocate/promote best practices for the safety and well-being of the people of Hawai'i with regard to diagnostic imaging.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Radiologic Technology Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I am a licensed, ARRT-certified practicing radiographer and mammographer, with over twenty years of experience (although I do not do nearly as many exams now). I also have over ten years of experience as an educator for the Radiologic Technology Program at Kapi'olani Community College. As an educator, I have had the opportunity to work with managers and technologists in the imaging departments for most of the major hospitals and imaging facilities on O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, and the island of Hawai'i. I am a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the president of the ASRT's local chapter, the Hawai'i Society of Radiologic Technologists. I am hoping that my experiences and connections to the community will aid the Board in gathering information as needed to have meaningful discussions and make informed decisions.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would love to have the opportunity to complete what I had set out to do on my first appointment to the Board, raise the license fee so that we can implement an online renewal and verification system, revise the Administrative Rules to address current

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“hybrid” imaging modalities such as PET-CT, and continue discussions on CT licensure in the state of Hawai’i.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Radiologic Technology Board.

I believe I am passionate, open-minded, and have integrity. My passion for what I do helps me persevere and strive to make a difference. I am open-minded and value others’ perspectives, knowledge, and experiences; and I have the integrity to do things thoroughly and to the best of my ability.

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Radiologic Technology Board member.

Aside from what I have already presented above, I believe my previous service on the Board and the knowledge I have of past meetings and discussions will be beneficial in moving the Board forward towards action instead of starting discussions all over again from the beginning.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Radiologic Technology Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not anticipate any conflicts of interest by serving on the Board. I understand that while I bring personal knowledge and experience to the Board, my voice (and therefore my vote) should represent those of my peers and the community based on evidence-based data and the values of our profession and not my personal beliefs, and that I will not use my position on the Board for personal gain. However, if a conflict arises that I am not able to resolve, I will recuse myself from any decision-making/voting related to that conflict of interest.