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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM746
Consideration and Confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board Gubernatorial
Nominee, KRISTEN POLENZ, for a term to expire 06-30-2021

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 5/13/2020 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Governor's message requests confirmation of Kristen Polenz for
3 appointment to the Radiologic Technology Board.

4 Ms. Polenz will be an excellent resource for the Radiologic Technology Board. She received her
5 Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology and Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Management,
6 and began practicing as a radiographer and CT technologist in 2004. She also received her
7 Masters of Healthcare Administration and has served as Imaging Director at several facilities
8 beginning in 2008. Ms. Polenz is currently employed as the Director of Diagnostic Imaging at
9 Adventist Health Castle where her job duties include among others: planning, directing, and
10 coordinating the operations of technical staff; direction and budget management of 7 cost centers
11 and 50+ personnel; creating policies for facilitating patient care; and ensuring facility
12 compliance. Her experience, educational background, and management credentials are valuable
13 and her appointment will make a positive impact to the board.

14 **Offered Amendments:** None.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Jeanne Polenz
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May 8, 2020

RE: Nomination of Kristen Polenz, Radiologic Technology Board

To the Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

I am writing this letter in support of my daughter, Kristen Polenz. Since she first became a Radiologic Technologist, I have been proud to see Kristen's dedication to improving her knowledge and skill in her chosen field. She has not only been committed to completing professional development and learning from the doctors and technologists with whom she works, but she has also chosen to earn multiple college degrees which have led her to leadership roles in radiology departments.

Kristen's commitment to her profession over the past 15 years has impressed me, but I am most proud of the commitment she has made to the communities and individuals with whom she has worked. Kristen was raised in a small rural town in Arizona. While still in high school, Kristen was a 4-H volunteer and leader. She volunteered with our local county fair committee for over 10 years and remains an important resource for the current members of that committee. She served as a member of the Gunnison Fine Arts Center board in Gunnison, and has gone through training with Kailua CERT. Kristen is willing to give of her time to these activities because she is passionate about helping to make her home communities better for everyone who lives there. And, she understands that by being knowledgeable and experienced in her field, she helps to make her communities healthier.

As her mother, I know that Kristen's kindness and loyalty to friends and the organizations she works with have always led her to make decisions that are reasoned and humane. Kristen's intelligence, professionalism, good nature, and willingness to work hard will make her an asset to your board. She will work as a trusted team member to advance the goals of the committee.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Polenz

From: Lori O <wcpgirl@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2020 at 8:22:38 PM HST
To: Kristen Polenz <kpolenz@live.com>
Subject: Will this do?

5/8/2020

To the Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

My name is Lori Okuda and I have the pleasure of working with Ms. Polenz since 2016. She has many qualities to bring to this Board and will be a valuable asset. Her intelligence and Leadership skills are excellent. She has the ability to analyze and interpret any situation quickly while keeping in mind the management and Technologists' needs.

She has the PACS/IT experience as well as having to work with all the nuances of our Radiologist Practice that is based in Portland, OR.

She has also found the time to be a working CT Technologist at Kahuku Hospital and always has the Patient's safety in mind. As well as being an accomplished Barrel Racer making her a well-rounded Board member.

Please consider her for the Radiologic Technology Board. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lori Okuda RT(R)(M)(MR)(CT)(BD)

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
I'm passionate about the professionalism of radiologic technologists and how we can keep our patients and the general public safe when they need imaging procedures.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
To help suggest regulations to ensure professional conduct in the field and to review any questions about said regulations.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
Ensuring proper initial education, training, continuing education, and licensing of those who administer radiation is essential to protect the consumer.
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a 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 have been a registered Radiologic Technologist since 2004. In my career I have worked in x-ray and CT as well as managing multiple imaging departments. In 2015 I earned my MHA in healthcare admin and in 2018 I received my Certified Radiology Administrator certificate. I understand both the science and the everyday aspect of working in the field and feel I am well able to make sensible suggestions for the safety of our staff and consumers. I also keep up with current national regulations and guidance from national associations.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
I would hope to review any proposed changes in regulation and make suggestions/decisions. In this time of COVID-19, while I hope the need will not arise, I might also be called upon to review temporary changes to allow for workforce capacity in Hawai'i.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
I am easy going, collaborative, and competent. I enjoy working with other people to come to solutions that work for the group and for our state. I have a large body of knowledge surrounding radiology practice and will be able to make informed suggestions to the rest of the Board.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I have volunteered for multiple professional organizations as well as 10+ years as a county fair board member. That experience as well as my work experience will be beneficial as a Board member.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
I don't foresee any conflicts of interest. If I did come across something that could be a conflict, I would recuse myself from involvement in the matter.