

To: The Honorable Senator Roslyn Baker:

Re: Lori Okuda (reappointment to the Radiologic Technology Board)

(1) Why do you want to a member of the Board?

I want to ensure the quality and integrity of this Profession. We work behind the scenes in many cases of patient care. The quality of our work may affect the diagnosis and treatment of the patient and to let the patient know that they are being handled by a well-educated and skilled Technologist.

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

As the medical field changes, the rules and norm changes as well and the role of the Board is to make sure the role of the Technologist and the profession changes to keep up with the times and still keep the patient's safety and dignity in mind.

(3) In what ways do you feel the you can Protect the consumers?

As a caregiver I have always put the care and the safety of my patients first. I have seen the results of poor judgement and skill can have on the patient and do not want to see this happening again. There is always a pressure to "cut corners" to save money and time and that must be carefully weighed for the sake of the patient in the end. "Is it safe for the patient?" is always a priority for me and I will be there for "my" patients.

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

I have been a technologist and a Mammographer for over 40 years, a MRI Tech for 30 and a (certified) DXA Tech for 5 years. I have seen the use of film and manual processing to film processors and their maintenance to going completely computerized. I have seen diagnostics go from strictly radiographs to the use of CT and MRI. I have also supervised a Radiology Department and implemented the Mammographer standards and protocols that became MQSA. Now I am the Lead DXA Technologist and am responsible for the community education on Bone Health. I have a perspective that is very rare now days and I think that will be useful to advancing our profession into the future.

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

Keep the integrity of the profession and patient safety in the for front over profits

(6) Name 3 qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

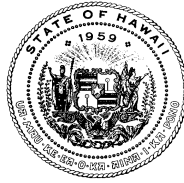
I always try to put my patients first. I have my opinions and will vocalize them; I have tried to keep my patients first and much to the chagrin of the "Higher Ups" sometimes. I also have a love for technology I try to keep learning new things for the advancement of my field. These things might be very useful to in this profession.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I was part of a small group of Technologists the revived our local professional Society (Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologists) because I feel the sharing of experiences, knowledge and comradery is invaluable and cannot be taught easily in a book. I later served as the Secretary and President of the same Society.

(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 do not see areas that as a Board member, there might be conflicts but if it did arises I would recuse myself the that particular issue.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM831**  
**Consideration and Confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board Gubernatorial**  
**Nominee, LORI OKUDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Hearing Date: 7/1/2020 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Governor's message requests confirmation of Lori Okuda for
- 3 appointment to the Radiologic Technology Board.
- 4 Ms. Okuda is a current Radiologic Technology Board member and has been a productive
- 5 resource for the board since 2017. She also previously served as board member from 2003 -
- 6 2011. Ms. Okuda has worked in the radiologic technology field for the last 38 years and is
- 7 currently employed at Adventist Health Castle where she performs general radiography and
- 8 mammography. Ms. Okuda also has extensive training and knowledge in the areas of computed
- 9 tomography, fluoroscopy and general radiography. In addition, she has served as Secretary and
- 10 President for the Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologists. Ms. Okuda has made significant
- 11 contributions in the past, and her extensive experience in radiography is invaluable to the board.
- 12 Her 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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Dear State of Hawaii Radiology Technologist Board Members:

Lori Okuda has been a coworker of mine for 4 years. Lori has the experience and attitude that would be of great benefit to the State of Hawaii Radiology Technologist Board. She has been a technologist for over 40 years and her long list of credentials show her dedication to the field. Outside of the average X-Ray technologist, she has also been of value by being the past President of the Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologist and a national delegate to the American Society of Radiology Technology Governance Assembly.

Lori is a bright and personable individual. She is highly self- motivated and well capable of achieving any goal she sets her mind to. Her history of MQSA coordinator for Mammography is an example of that.

Lori welcomes leadership opportunities and meets her deadlines on time. I highly recommend her because she is top notch in our field.

If you need any additional information on Lori, feel free to contact me at (808) 263-5435

Sincerely,

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**GM-831**

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Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: