

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawai'i Medical Board? I wish to serve in this position in order to make sure that we have great care by qualified providers for the people of Hawai'i. Patient safety and quality are absolutely essential.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Medical Board? The major roles and responsibilities are to evaluate physicians/providers whose applications require further review by the Hawai'i Medical Board—sometimes we have to meet these individuals in person.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Hawai'i Medical 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 practiced medicine on Kaua'i since 1981, almost 40 years and am a proud graduate of JABSOM, Class of 1978. I also did much of my Pediatric residency training at Kapi'olani. Most recently I have been a physician administrator for my group here on Kaua'i for the past 14-15 years as well as still doing night call at our local hospital, caring for sick babies that sometimes require transfer to a tertiary care center on O'ahu. Our group locally has about 100 full time providers, including both physicians and PA's/APRN's. I believe that I can appreciate those still in active practice despite being primarily an administrator. I was the CMO for Kaua'i Medical Clinic and the position has transitioned to the HPH Medical Group Kaua'i Medical Director this past year.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? I wish to continue to serve in the same role that I have been for the past 4 years. It has been a real privilege and a great chance to meet not just the other physicians who serve but to work with the entire administrative Board team who are outstanding and who do so much for our State.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Hawai'i Medical Board. I am detail oriented, enjoy new challenges and am always willing to learn something new—I think that these will benefit the Hawai'i Medical Board as the variety and diversity of the providers who apply to work here require someone with that skill set.
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Hawai'i Medical Board member. I had served as Chair of Physicians' Health here at Wilcox Hospital on Kaua'i for 12 years.
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Hawai'i Medical Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest? Potential conflicts of interest that have come up include my serving on the Board of Pu'ulu Lapa'au but when these situations do come up, I am recused from the Hawai'i Medical Board meeting.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
9:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 611, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GERI YOUNG,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

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 reappointment of Geri Young, M.D., to the Board as a licensee member for the County of Kauai.

Dr. Young has held a medical license in Hawaii since June 14, 1979, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She has practiced medicine in the State as a pediatrician, and she was most recently appointed as the Kauai Medical Director for the Hawaii Pacific Health Medical Group.

Dr. Young was first appointed to the Board on an interim basis on December 12, 2017, and she has attended most of the board meetings since her appointment. Dr. Young has proven to be an extremely reliable and well-informed member. She speaks pointedly about matters and asks relevant questions, which facilitates well-reasoned and well-informed discussions by board members.

Dr. Young's interest in serving on the Board and her desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:30 AM  
Via Video Conference

**Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator, Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

From: Les Chun, MD  
CEO, HPH Medical Group

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 611  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Medical  
Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee Geri Young for a term to expire 06-30-  
2025**

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My name is Les Young, MD and I am the chief executive officer of Hawai'i Pacific Health's (HPH) Medical Group. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

**HPH writes in support of the confirmation of Geri Young, MD to the Board of Medical Examiners.**

Geri has committed her life to serving the youth of Kauai as a pediatrician for approximately 40 years. She has also served in a number of capacities including Chair of the Department of Pediatrics for the Kauai Medical Clinic and Chair for the Department of Pediatrics for Wilcox Medical Center. Currently, Geri is the Director for the HPH Medical Group. She still continues her practice of Pediatric Medicine at KMC.

With her tremendous experience as a clinician and an administrator, Geri will bring a wealth of knowledge and information to the Board of Medical Examiners (Board). She has the dedication and passion to fulfill her role as a member of the Board.

HPH supports the nomination of Geri to the Board of Medical Examiners and urges this committee to confirm her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 5, 2021

RE: Geri Young, MD

Dear Senator Baker:

My name is Robert Wotring, and I am a pediatrician at Kaua'i Medical Clinic in Lihue, Hawai'i. I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Geri Young's application for joining the Hawai'i Medical Board. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Young at both Kaua'i Medical Clinic and Wilcox Medical Center in Lihue, Hawai'i since 1993. She is an excellent and caring pediatrician, and continuously works and studies to improve her abilities to care for Hawai'i's keiki. In her role as the Chief Medical Officer for Kaua'i Medical Clinic, Dr. Young sets a high standard for the physicians with whom she works and has been an excellent role model for all. I give my strongest recommendation for Dr. Young's confirmation on the Hawai'i Medical Board. Please feel free to contact me if I can offer any further information.



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Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senate District 6  
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March 4, 2021

Dear Senator Barker,

It is with great delight that I write this letter of recommendation for a continued position on the Hawaii Medical Board for Dr Geri Young. Dr Young is a practicing Pediatrician on Kauai. Dr Young has had many years of service to the people of Hawaii both as a respected physician and a volunteer to organizations such as Aloha Care and Hawaii Pacific Health. It was at our Hawaii health plan Aloha Care's advisory board that I first met Dr. Young and was impressed with her grasp of the issues of Hawaii's most vulnerable patients. Her compassion and leadership skills are ideal for the difficult job that the Hawaii Medical Board is tasked with, namely protecting the people of Hawaii. Her wisdom in knowing the culture and the history of medicine in Hawaii make her a valuable member for this august board.

In reflecting a bit about Geri's character, I feel it important to highlight her deep sense of fairness. She is involved in many organizations serves them all well, as such she is the first to point out any conflict of interest and is sure to abide by our rules on ethics. With her experience and knowledge of medicine in this state, she not only is a great team player, she makes the team better.

In summary, I would recommend Dr Young without reservation. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and remain at your service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jone Geimer-Flanders". The signature is fluid and cursive. Below the signature, there is a small, faint watermark that says "Please sign here".

Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO, FACP, FACC