

Aileen Y. Wada  
Nomination to the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Questions for the Record

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine?

Having the honor of being a member of the Board since 2019, I believe that my participation has improved the Board's outcomes. I have brought a different perspective to the Board as a responsible pet owner; and bringing diversity of thought and experience benefits all pet owners and animals in the State of Hawaii.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine?

As a member of the Board, I believe that my role and responsibility is to be the voice for Hawaii's animals and their owners, including to help protect our animals from those who do not abide by the laws and regulations that govern the veterinary profession and put the lives of animals at risk.

3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the positions? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board

Being a dog owner for more than 20 years and previously having raised parakeets and cockatiels, I have met with many veterinarians over the years. They all possess different levels of veterinarian skills and communication abilities. Based on my 40 years of sales experience, I can help provide a balance to help improve consumer insight on issues that may need to be addressed.

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

I would like to improve the way information and awareness is provided to pet owners, including how issues of concern and resolutions to an issue they may have can be provided to them through the Board; and ensure that the expectation and resolution to the issues raised are available to both parties that are fair and transparent.

5. Name three qualities that best describes you and how those qualities will benefit the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine

I am honest, open minded and committed. Similar to my participation on the Real Estate Commission, I will consider all the facts and ask questions that would be fair to all parties to enable me to make the best decision possible.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine member

As a former Real Estate Commission member, I am familiar with the workings of State Boards. I have also served two years on the Veterinary Commission and hope to continue to serve both pet owners and veterinarians in the State of Hawaii.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine?

If there is a complaint lodged against a veterinarian that I currently utilize or have recently utilized (specialist), I would excuse myself from the case

**Testimony of the Board of Veterinary Medicine**

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

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 657, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AILEEN WADA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Ms. Aileen Wada to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Wada was first appointed to the Board on an interim basis on August 19, 2020, and she has attended 3 out of 4 meetings since her appointment.

Ms. Wada is active in local neighborhood Associations of Apartment Owners and professional realtor organizations. She previously served on the Real Estate Commission from 2011 to 2019 as the City and County of Honolulu real estate broker member, as well as vice chairperson of the Education Review Committee.

Ms. Wada's commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to make her invaluable to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-657**

Submitted on: 3/8/2021 12:22:36 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Derrick Yamane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My testimony is in full support FOR Aileen Wada to be considered and confirmed for the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine. Aileen is an upstanding citizen who has generously and unselfishly devoted much of her free time to the State and the people of Hawaii. She served on the Real Estate Commission in the past and she served the State well. Her moral compass cannot be questioned for she is honest, ethical and honorable. She definitely will protect the public and always look out for their best interests if confirmed. She also is a dedicated "dog mama" and she provides her dogs with exceptional love, care and attention. I am certain she will serve the people and the State of Hawaii with the same care and attention.

**GM-657**

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 9:54:42 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Begier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have the pleasure of knowing Aileen Wada as a successful Realtor and a huge animal lover. From doing business with Aileen over the years I remember often her need to schedule around caring for pets not only of her own but of others that were in need. Please confirm Aileen to this important Board of Veterinary Medicine. She has the organizational skills to be helpful and the passion to get the job done in this volunteer capacity.

March 2, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Public member on the Veterinarian Board (State Of Hawaii)

Recommendation for Aileen Wada

I've known Aileen for over 30 years and have had the pleasure of working with her in our real estate company. She has established a very high professional standard in dealing with fellow agents and especially with her clients. She has maintained an exception track record in service to her clients.

Her outside interests cover volunteer work at the Hawaiian Humane Society. She deeply cares for animals and enjoys interacting with fellow volunteers who share the same interest.

She has also served on the State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission for several years. She is articulate and well informed, participating in meetings and group sessions.

She is a tireless, focused, self-assuring and aspiring individual. She will do well as a public volunteer and I highly recommend her as a member.

She has always owned pets and conscientiously attends to their very needs. She would be a tremendous asset to the Board.

Sincerely,



Chris Y. Kitaoka