

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

I want to continue to be a member of this Board because of the Human Animal bond - the connection between Humans, Animals and our Environment. As a member of this board, I want to be an advocate for this interconnection in our community.

(2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine?**

Our Role as board members is to follow the law and work with our community (both veterinarians and consumers) to support and protect the Human Animal Bond.

(3) **Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine 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 had many opportunities throughout my life that has prepared me to be of value (leadership roles, advocacy, diversity, inclusive) to this board. These opportunities include (within the profession) Medical Director, Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association Board Member and member of the Legislative committee, American Veterinary Medical Association House of Delegate and member of the AVMA State Advocacy Committee, Current Member for the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Integrative Companion Animal Clinician and within our community Cathedral of St. Andrew Senior Warden, Elks Member, Hula Dancer, Caregiver. These opportunities have prepared me to look at topics from a variety of view points.

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

As a member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, I hope to discuss and pursue action items on the following topics: Telemedicine, Use of Cannabis in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Welfare, Health and welfare of the Veterinary community - Veterinarians, technicians and support staff.

- (5) **Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine.**

I share with you 3 core Values that I will bring to the this Board:

Aloha: **compassionate, kind, gracious**

Listen with compassion, contribute graciously to the discussion, respect the diversity of ideas and if needed, kindly agree to disagree for the benefit of our community

Kuleana: **responsible**. Responsible for the blessings I receive.

I'm blessed with a career in Veterinary Medicine, being a current member of the Hawai'i Veterinary Medicine Board and for my leadership positions.

I'm committed to researching the issues from responsible, reliable sources including experts in the topics of discussion. It's my responsibility to get involved.

Malama: **take care**. Take care of the world, global community.

I understand and appreciate our connection to one another and Earth. I advocate in taking care of ourselves, the land we live on, the water and sky surrounding us, the plants and animals which we share our resources.

- (6) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine member.**

It is the experience of the year of COVID19 that brings us the unique perspective of being a Veterinarian and a consumer. We adapted to providing curbside care to our patients and clients so that we can protect our staff; and at the same time being compassionate to our community with this unpredictable pandemic.

- (7) **Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**

In 2020/2021 a topic came before the board that presented a conflict of interest between being a Board member of the Hawai'i

Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association. I was transparent to both boards and continued to serve because I understood the mission and vision of each Board.

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:20 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 725, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LEIANNE LEE LOY,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

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 Leianne Lee Loy, D.V.M., to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Lee Loy was appointed to the Board commencing July 20, 2016. She is one of five members who must be a veterinarian licensed to practice for at least five years and is currently actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine. She is one of four members who are residents of the City and County of Honolulu. Dr. Lee Loy has attended 18 out of 20 board meetings.

Dr. Lee Loy has practiced as a veterinarian and medical director at Hawaii Kai Veterinary Clinic since 2017, and she previously held the same position at Veterinary Centers of America University Animal Hospital from 1998 to 2017. Since 2000, she has provided veterinarian relief work for Molokai Humane Society and the Hawaiian Humane Society, among others, through Li'i Leihua Veterinary Care. Dr. Lee Loy received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1995 and became licensed to practice in Hawaii on February 18, 1997. Her license is current, valid, and in good standing.

Dr. Lee Loy has also served in the House of Delegates and on the State Advocacy Committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association. She has held the following positions for the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association: Oahu delegate, president-elect, president, past president, and member of the Legislative Committee.

Dr. Lee Loy's interest in serving on the Board, professional experience, 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.