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Craig Nishimoto

Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine?
- (2) I would like to assist the community in continuing to maintain a high quality level of veterinary care provided to Hawaii's pets and livestock.
- (3) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine?  
The role of board members is to be conduit between the general public and veterinarians. Members are charged with overseeing the licensure procedure of Hawaii veterinarians, to assist in any rules and legislation regarding veterinary medicine and to review any disciplinary action that may be needed for veterinary professionals in the state.
- (4) 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.
- (5) As a long time veterinarian that has practiced in both the companion animal as well as livestock medicine capacities, I feel I have a broad overview of the potential problems in the veterinary profession and needs of the public. I am a good listener who can work well with others to problem solve.
- (6) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
I hope to continue to work on current topics that need updating in our practice statutes. Items of concern include addressing clarification of issuing of temporary licenses, updating examination qualifications to include new foreign graduate certifications as well as address the challenges of telemedicine in veterinary Practice.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine.  
1) Good Listener. 2) Consensus builder. 3). Forward Thinker
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine member.  
I have served as a previous member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners as well as President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association.
- (8) 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?  
I do not foresee any conflicts. If conflicts arise, I will notify our executive officer and ask to recuse myself from participating in discussing the conflicted cases.

**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. 726, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CRAIG NISHIMOTO,  
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 Craig Nishimoto, D.V.M., to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Nishimoto was appointed to the Board commencing July 18, 2018. He 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. He is one of three members who are residents of counties other than the City and County of Honolulu. Dr. Nishimoto currently serves as chairman of the Board and has attended 12 out of 12 meetings.

Dr. Nishimoto has been licensed as a veterinarian in Hawaii since August 14, 1984, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. He is a small animal veterinarian and has owned Paradise Animal Clinic in Kalaheo since 1989.

Dr. Nishimoto has also served as president of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kauai Humane Society. He is a past president and current board member of the Rotary Club of Poipu Beach and the treasurer of the Rotary Club of Poipu Beach Community Foundation.

Dr. Nishimoto's interest in serving on the Board, professional experience, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to make him invaluable to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

April 7th, 2021

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF DR. CRAIG NISHIMOTO

Re: Senate Confirmation Hearing Friday April 9th, 2021

I have known Dr. Nishimoto for well over 30 years.

First as a fine veterinarian, then as a fellow Rotarian and last but certainly not least as a trusted friend.

At every one of these levels I have come to appreciate his calm and caring demeanor, his careful and well thought out decision making process as well as his unwavering "Service above self".

I cannot think of an individual better qualified to serve on a State Board than Dr. Nishimoto and I am convinced that any group of people working alongside him will quickly see the same fine qualities that I continue to see in Dr. Nishimoto.

I wish him continued Success and Satisfaction in his endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Steuri", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

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