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Senator Rosalyn Baker
Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection Committee Chair
Hawai'i State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

DEAR SENATOR BAKER,

Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Nursing?

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for another term serving on the Board of Nursing. I wish to be considered for another term based on my knowledge and experience in nursing in our state, the mainland, and internationally. I have also served on the board since 2017 when an emergency replacement needed to occur. I have attended nearly all scheduled meetings and am consistently prepared for them. I also serve on the Education Committee that meets bimonthly and contributed significantly to that subcommittee.

What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Nursing?

The roles and responsibilities of the BON are three-fold and include legislative, adjudicatory, and executive functions. I support the BON by carefully reviewing pending legislation to provide a professional opinion to the membership and the EO. I support the adjudicatory functions by reviewing RICO findings and recommendations while considering §457-5 and Subchapter 11 §16-89-59 through 64. The rules must be carefully reviewed while maintaining nursing ethical and practice standards. Supporting executive functions occur when reviewing licensure applications from in- and out-of-state and internationally. Knowledge of the nation organization the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is important in all the functions.

Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Nursing 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 believe I am qualified to serve on the board for another term because of my education including a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing from Creighton University, a Master's in Nursing from the University of the Philippines (in Manila) and a post-master's as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Hawai'i School of Nursing at Mānoa now named the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. I also have nearly 40 years of

bedside, supervisory and administrative, and educational experience as a professional nurse. I remain current in inpatient practice by serving as a clinical instructor to all level of nursing students in long-term and acute care settings on O'ahu.

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

If granted another term, I would like to become more familiar with the NCSBN on a greater scale. Many activities have been limited for nearly two years because of the pandemic. I would also like to interface with other state boards to determine if there was more our board could do to support the state and/or nurses. I would like to fully support the board, Education Committee, and the EO by continuing to research agenda item topics.

Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Nursing?

The qualities I bring to the position include preparation, perseverance, and commitment. These qualities equate to being prepared for all meetings, reviewing information that arrives to us, and consistent attendance at monthly board meetings and bimonthly Education Committee meetings. These are consistently performed in addition to my full-time teaching position.

Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Nursing member

I am a more vocal nurse on the board and ask carefully-crafted questions while offering a professional expertise. The legal council and I consistently agree with enacting recommendations while adhering to state laws. She, however, has a much greater repertoire with the law and the practices and procedures to enact the board's recommendations.

Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Nursing? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I have no conflict of interest in property, business interests, and/or personnel within the DCCA and/or Board of Nursing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should any additional information be needed.

Sincerely,

Karen R. Boyer, RN, MN, FNP

Testimony of the Board of Nursing

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 514, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF NURSING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAREN BOYER,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chelsea Fukunaga, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing (Board). The Board supports the confirmation Ms. Karen Boyer's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Boyer is a registered nurse representing the City & County of Honolulu and is one of three (3) nursing educators currently serving on the Board. She is currently the Nursing Department Chair with the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College. Despite her demanding teaching schedule, Ms. Boyer finds time to be a contributing Board member. Since her interim appointment in June 2017, she has attended 41 out of 49 meetings and is also a valuable member of the Board's Education Committee.

Ms. Boyer has also represented the Board at National Council of State Boards of Nursing conferences and seminars and participates in the review of the Next Generation NCLEX. Her dedication to the profession is clearly reflected in her interest and ability to serve on the Board in spite of her teaching responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 15, 2022

Re: GM 514 Nomination for Board of Nursing - Karen Boyer RN, MN, FNP

I had the honor to work closely with Ms. Boyer when I first arrived at Kapi'olani Community College in August 2019. She served as the Interim Dean for Health Academic Programs and provided support and advisement during my transition to that role. In that capacity, Ms. Boyer demonstrated effective and professional relationships with the faculty from Health Science, EMS, and the Nursing programs.

In her current role as the Program Director for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program, Ms. Boyer leads her team using collaborative methods seeking input from all stakeholders to make informed decisions. Within all of our experiences, she consistently provides a detailed rationale for her decisions and helps to guide the team.

As the ADN Program Director, Ms. Boyer supports the program through fiscal, administrative, and academic management, including clinical compliance. She has demonstrated leadership skills through her past appointment as Department Chair with oversight of six programs. Her nursing and education knowledge and experience are extensive and have spanned several years with varied experiences.

Ms. Boyer always seeks to educate and inform her students effectively. I've witnessed her classroom and clinical management skills demonstrating her talent and skill as an educator working with groups of students as well as one-on-one instruction. She can determine the most effective means of dealing with student concerns and can navigate any disciplinary issues with professionalism. Ms. Boyer's strengths are within her ability to look at an initiative's overall process or goal and determine a path to reach that goal.

I wholeheartedly and without reservation, recommend Karen Boyer to be appointed to a second term of service on the Hawai'i Board of Nursing.

Respectfully,

**Lisa B.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kate Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Govenor Ige and Hawaii Legislators:

I highly recommend Karen Boyer RN, MSN as a continuing member of Board of Nursing, State of Hawaii.

I was a faculty member at KCC Nursing (2010-2015) when Karen Boyer had leadership roles such as Department Chair and ADN Program Coordinator. Ms. Boyer is a highly devoted, hard working, logical person who accomplishes SO much in a single day. She listens to group concerns and makes sound decisions. Ms. Boyer is also a fast typist and a great editor. Her timely, direct e-mail communications are appreciated by the staff and the professional nursing community.

Karen Boyer is am ethical person in every aspect of her career, and life. You can trust that she is takes her work on the Board of Nursing seriously and that she is looking out for the people of Hawaii.

If you would like to discuss my recommendation, feel free to call.

Kate Thompson

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February 15, 2022

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to submit a letter of recommendation for Karen Boyer in support of her nomination for a second term to the State Board of Nursing.

I have known Karen for over 24 years. My principle association with her has been as her colleague at Kapi'olani Community College where she has served as a member of the Nursing Department since 1990.

During her tenure at KCC, Karen has served as the Program Director for the Registered Nurse, Associate in Science Program (beginning in 1994 and in subsequent years, most recently from January 2021) and the Nursing Department Chair, first from 1997-1999, and then from 2015 to present. She served as the Interim Dean for Health Sciences in 2019, overseeing not only the various nursing programs, but also the Emergency Medical Services Department and the Health Sciences Department. Karen has both depth and breadth of knowledge of the issues and challenges surrounding health care in our state and those specifically related to the Nursing community. She is an experienced educator and administrator, and through the years, and at all levels, from instruction and mentoring to leadership, service, and beyond, Karen emerges as a champion.

Her diligence and commitment to service will carry over into her service on the State Board of Nursing, and I am confident that her contributions to the Board will be lasting ones.

I strongly endorse her nomination, and with great enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

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