

GM755: Joy Kimura

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ?

I have utilized Naturopathic Medicine for the past 16 years with positive results and have developed an interest in this area of medicine.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine?

As a public member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, I hope to offer an outside perspective as a patron to assist the other Board Members with policy and decision making in the public's best interest.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Naturopathic 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.

As a public member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine for the past two years, I am familiar with the issues that currently face the Board, as well as the rules and procedures that apply to government boards. In addition, my familiarity with naturopathic medicine as a patron will allow me to offer a consumer's perspective on issues brought before the Board.

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

I hope to assist the Board with maintaining and improving industry standards.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

Three qualities that best describe me and that would benefit the Board of Naturopathic Medicine are as follows:

- 1). Sincerity – I have a sincere interest in the field of Naturopathic Medicine.
- 2). Committed – I am willing to put in the time and energy to prepare for and attend meetings and to participate fully in discussions and decision making and
- 3). Discretion – Having previously served on other government boards and commissions, I understand the significance and am able to maintain discretion on matters that come before the Board in Executive Session.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Naturopathic Medicine member.

As a patron and consumer of Naturopathic Medicine, I have experienced both benefits and drawbacks of utilizing Naturopathic Medicine and am able to offer an unbiased public perspective.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I don't foresee any possible conflicts of interest. Should any potential conflicts of interest arise, I would disclose this to the Executive Officer of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine and recuse myself if necessary.

Testimony of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 8, 2022
9:30am
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 755, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOY KIMURA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Joy Kimura's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Kimura was appointed to the Board on an interim basis in September 2019, and was confirmed by the Senate in 2020, as the Board's sole public member.

Outside of her position on the Board, Ms. Kimura is employed by the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust in Government Relations and Compliance, and has experience conducting research and analysis with various state departments. Ms. Kimura has a personal interest in the practice of naturopathic medicine and has expressed motivation to support safe and effective consumer access to its services.

Ms. Kimura has familiarized herself with the Board's responsibilities and duties regarding licensure, regulation, and enforcement for the industry of Naturopathic Medicine. She has supported the Board by sharing her knowledge about the state's legislative processes. She is inquisitive and asks questions about policies and procedures and understands the expectation that individual Board members regularly attend and participate in the Board's functions. Importantly, Ms. Kimura continues to express a strong interest in participating in policy and consumer protection issues at the Board level. The Board believes that Ms. Kimura's combination of legislative experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service will continue to enhance its effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for CPN on 4/8/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nelisa Asato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only


Comments:

Ms. Kimura is very hardworking and competent. She will make a great addition to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I support her nomination and hope your Committee will recommend advising and consenting to GM755.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support.

TESTIMONY

To: Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Dori Palcovich, Individual 

Re: **GM 755 – Joy Kimura – Strong Support**

Date: April 8, 2022 – Conference Room 229 & Videoconference at 9:30 a.m.

Please accept my testimony, as an individual, in **strong support** of Ms. Joy Kimura for consideration and confirmation to continue as a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine for a term to expire 6-30-2026.

I have known Ms. Kimura for the past 20+ years, beginning with her tenure at the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. I find Joy to be an individual of high integrity, good judgment, extremely thoughtful with valuable perspective, and a hardworking individual.

I believe that Ms. Kimura's work experience in both federal and state government administration have given her a wide range of valued expertise that will benefit any state board she serves on.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Kimura to be a member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

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Testimony for CPN on 4/8/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick McCain	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to ask for your support for Joy Kimura as a member of the Board Naturapathic Medicine. We worked together years ago in Washington D.C.in Congressman Abercrombie's Office. I am especially aware of her commitment to working people. She is a solid citizen and a genuine public servant. Please support her nomination, Aloha and Mahalo.