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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the**  
**Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:**  
**G.M. 602, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION**  
**TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELIZABETH IGNACIO, M.D.,**  
**FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Elizabeth Ann Ignacio, M.D., to the Hawaii Medical Board (Board) as a Maui County licensee member.

Dr. Ignacio is being appointed to the Board as an allopathic, Maui County, licensee member. Dr. Ignacio is board certified by the American Board Radiology in Diagnostic and Vascular and Interventional Radiology. She is currently employed with Hawaii Pacific Health Medical Group and Renaissance Imaging Medical Associates as a diagnostic and interventional radiologist. In addition to her busy career as a radiologist, Dr. Ignacio holds various leadership and advocacy positions, her most

current positions include President Elect and Chair of the Public Policy Committee of the Hawaii Medical Association.

Dr. Ignacio has been licensed in the State of Hawaii as a physician since July 2010, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. Dr. Ignacio attended her first meeting in January 2023, as an interim appointee. She comes to every meeting well prepared and asks pertinent questions to ensure consistent and equitable decisions.

The Department believes Dr. Ignacio's experience, willingness to learn, and commitment to serve the public, would make her an excellent candidate for appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



## Hawaii Medical Association

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### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023  
From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Angela M. Pratt, MD, President of the Hawaii Medical Association

### Re: **GM 602; Hawai'i Medical Board**

### Position: **Strong Support**

The Hawaii Medical Association is writing in **strong support** of the **nomination of Elizabeth A. Ignacio, MD, to the Hawaii Medical Board.**

Dr. Ignacio is one of the most passionate, thoughtful, and dedicated physicians we have had the pleasure of having as a member of HMA. She volunteers countless hours of her time working with colleagues and organizations across the state to ensure that patients have equitable access to timely, high-quality care. When the COVID pandemic struck, she continued to put her patients first by serving on the HICOVID Healthcare Provider Task Force, the Hawaii Statewide Provider Surge Capacity Committee, the Maui COVID Testing Capacity (CTC) Group, and the Aloha Trace Coalition.

She has also served in numerous medical society leadership roles throughout Hawaii, including President of the Hawaii Radiological Society, Delegate for Council Steering Committee for the American College of Radiology, and several roles in our organization as the Chair of the Public Policy Committee, Treasurer and current President-Elect. Her active involvement in state medical societies and local community engagements serve as clear indicators of her passion for both the medical field and for service to the people of Hawaii.

As Dr. Ignacio's friends and colleagues, we could not be more pleased to offer this letter of support. We have no doubt that her dedication, incredible work ethic, and extensive medical expertise will make her an excellent member of the Hawaii Medical Board.

#### 2023 Hawaii Medical Association Officers

Angela M. Pratt, MD, President • Elizabeth Ann Ignacio, MD, President Elect • Michael Champion, MD, Immediate Past President  
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**GM-602**

Submitted on: 4/9/2023 8:18:43 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO



HAWAII RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY (HRS)  
Honolulu, HI

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Date: April 12, 2023  
From: Hawaii Radiological Society (HRS)  
Laeton J Pang MD MPH FACR FACRO, President, HRS

**Re: GM 602 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELIZABETH IGNACIO, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.**  
**Position: Support**

I'm writing as President of the Hawaii Radiological Society to support the nomination of Dr. Elizabeth Ignacio to the position as a member from Maui of the Hawaii Medical Board. She is an excellent clinician with a proven track record of community service and leadership participating broadly in a number of professional medical organizations. In her 20+ years of Interventional Radiology (IR) practice, Dr Elizabeth Ann Ignacio has provided thoughtful dedicated cared for patients and their families, and she is a well respected clinician and valued colleague in Hawaii. Dr Ignacio works tirelessly and collaboratively to provide integrated evidence based image guided diagnoses and treatments.

Dr Ignacio has contributed to many research projects and publications, and she continues to serve the medical profession on many work groups, task forces and committees at the local and national levels. A past president of the Hawaii Radiological Society (HRS), she is President Elect of the state Hawaii Medical Association (HMA). She is an active member of the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) and the American College of Radiology (ACR). Dr Ignacio is presently serving in her second elected term as a CSC Delegate for the ACR, and is a member of the ACR IR Commission. Dr Ignacio is the present Chair of the Small and Rural Practice Subcommittee of SIR Practice Development. She serves on the SIR Underrepresented Minorities (URM) section and the SIR Government Affairs Committee. She represents Hawaii on the Radiology Health Equity Coalition (RHEC). Dr Ignacio is a Fellow of the ACR (2022) and also a Fellow of the SIR (2016).

Dr Ignacio is a dynamic and passionate advocate for physicians and their patients on Maui, throughout Hawaii and the United States. She has a broad understanding of healthcare trends in radiology and supported advanced health measures. She has focused on Quality and Safety measures and has chaired consensus panels for numerous practice parameters and technical standards in her field. Dr Ignacio is a strongly committed IR physician who continues state and federal advocacy efforts with SIR and ACR for health equity and healthcare workforce challenges.

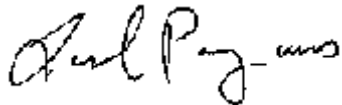
HRS strongly supports Dr Ignacio and her nomination to the Hawaii Medical Board without reservation.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION  
Testimony in Support of Dr. Elizabeth Ignacio for Appointment to the Hawaii Medical Board  
April 12, 2023

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Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Radiological Society to testify in support of GM 602.

Sincerely,

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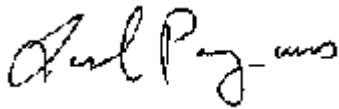
Laeton J Pang, MD, MPH, FACR, FACRO, FACCC

I personally first became acquainted with Dr. Elizabeth Ignacio in 2014 when I became an ACR Councilor from the Hawaii Radiological Society, especially when she served as our president from 2015 to 2019, and later through our work together in the American College of Radiology, the Hawaii Radiological Society, and the Hawaii Medical Association.

I have been impressed with her passion for advocacy and her ability to communicate clearly and respectfully with Congressional representatives and Hill Staffers on a lay level. She is hard-working, dedicated and steadfast in keeping her commitments, cares sincerely about patients and wants to make a difference, which I believe drives her ambition to serve as a leader. She is compassionate, congenial, and caring, a passionate advocate able to communicate clearly and respectfully, discrete when she needs to be, truly an asset and role model to the medical community at large, a devoted wife and mother, and need I say it a talented and able multitasker.

I can think of no one else that I would more strongly recommend to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

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Laeton J Pang, MD, MPH, FACR, FACRO, FACCC

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**GM-602**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 11:56:26 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laura Reichhardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dr Ignacio is a smart, considerate and measured decision maker. She is incredibly invested in the medicine profession, and healthcare overall. Thank you for considering her for this esteemed role.