

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 619, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CATALINA CROSS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Skizewski, and I am the Executive for the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Cross' reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Cross fully understands her role and the various responsibilities of being a member. She has attended 33 of 36 meetings since she joined the Board in 2019.

She is familiar with the purpose of the Board and the Department. Her current experience as a public member will only aide in her ability to best serve the public, making her an invaluable member for this Board.

As a past member of a Board, Ms. Cross is fully aware of the commitment involved to serve on a board and is willing to again unselfishly contribute.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the reappointment of Ms. Cross to the Board of Pharmacy.



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DATE: April 13, 2023

TO: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **GM620 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, CATALINA CROSS, for a term to expire on 06-30-2027.**
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the nomination of Catalina Cross to the Board of Pharmacy.

I have known Catalina for many years through her participation at public hearings of the Board of Pharmacy and in her role as a current member of the Board. I have observed that Catalina takes a collaborative approach to her work and is fair and objective. Catalina's background in public health and her knowledge and understanding of the practice of pharmacy which will strongly benefit both the Board in its responsibility to the pharmacy profession and the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Catalina's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy.

GM-620

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 3:39:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ernie Lee	Testifying for FirstVitals Health and Wellness Inc	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong support for Catalina Cross, Ph.D. in consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy.

I have had the pleasure of working with Catalina in various capacities over the years, and I can attest to her exceptional leadership skills and her unwavering commitment to serving the interests of the healthcare community. Catalina has a proven track record of bringing people together to solve complex problems and create positive change.

One of the things that I admire most about Catalina is her ability to listen to all perspectives and find common ground. Catalina has a deep understanding of the issues and has demonstrated time and time again that she is willing to work with anyone to find solutions that benefit all stakeholders.

In addition to her leadership and problem-solving abilities, Catalina is also a person of great integrity and character. I have seen firsthand how she conducts herself with honesty and fairness, and I believe that she will bring these same qualities to her position on the Board of Pharmacy.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ernie Lee, CEO

FirstVitals Health and Wellness Inc.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 9:55:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the appointment of Catalina Cross for a term on the Board of Pharmacy as a Public Member. Mahalo

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee,

I am honored to write this testimony in strong support of Catalina Cross for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy.

I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Ms. Cross over the past 10 years. She has been a great mentor, leader, and pharmacy advocate. More importantly, her affiliation with local organizations and achievements within the community have always been focused on doing the right thing for the patient. As a public board member, Ms. Cross provides a unique perspective that balances advocating for the pharmacy profession while prioritizing patient safety and protecting the community.

I am confident that her experience, knowledge, and years of service in the pharmacy industry will be a valuable asset to the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Uyemoto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Uyemoto, Pharm.D., MBA

GM-620

Submitted on: 4/9/2023 8:23:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO !

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Dr. Corrie L. Sanders

To the honorable Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and members of the Consumer Protection Committee,

I am writing this letter to support the nomination of Catalina Cross for her second term in a public seat for The Hawai'i Board of Pharmacy. As President of the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association, I interact with the Board of Pharmacy at all board meetings and on an ac hoc basis for timely pharmacy related concerns.

Catalina is an invested participant that asks thought provoking questions and facilitates meaningful discussions. Her current career outside the board gives Catalina detailed insight into how pharmacists can improve patient outcomes and she has expressed satisfaction with the ability to support the profession in this position.

Filling public seats with engaged individuals is vital to the success of any board. I encourage you to select Catalina Cross for a second term on The Board of Pharmacy and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

Very respectfully,



Corrie L. Sanders, PharmD., BCACP, CPGx
President, Hawai'i Pharmacists Association
Founder, Huna Health Pharmacogenomic Consulting