

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3857**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 17 2024**

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 656

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 656, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

G.M. No. 656      KRISTEN COLES,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2026,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Kristen Coles for service on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Kristen Coles from the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Coles' background, experience, and proven leadership on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine qualify her to be nominated for reappointment to the Board as a licensed naturopathic physician member. Your Committee notes that Dr. Coles has held a naturopathic physician license in Hawaii since 2012 and has worked as a naturopathic physician and licensed acupuncturist at Steelsmith Natural Health Center for over a decade and is the Medical Manager at its IV Nutritional Clinic. Dr. Coles also engages with the local community as a public speaker, writer, and educator, and has lectured at local hospitals and the University of Hawaii Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. Your Committee



further finds that Dr. Coles has served on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine since 2018, and her extensive experience in naturopathic medicine will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Kristen Coles be reappointed to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine based on her experience, background, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



TERRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <i>GM 656</i>	Committee Referral: CPN	Date: <i>3/25/2024</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345</span>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Carol Fukunaga</i>				
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