

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 21, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 707, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES PLEISS,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rochelle Araki, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Pleiss' reappointment to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board) as a licensee member.

Dr. Pleiss has been licensed as a chiropractor in Hawaii since June 6, 1983, and his license is current, valid and in good standing. He is a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist, one of the few specialties in the chiropractic profession. Dr. Pleiss has served on the Board since July 1, 2020, and has attended all scheduled meetings since his appointment. Dr. Pleiss has served as Chairperson of the Board since November 5, 2020. Dr. Pleiss' commitment to the Board, wealth of experience, and valuable knowledge of the profession is vital for the continuity of the Board's mission. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of chiropractic in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-707**

Submitted on: 3/13/2025 10:44:10 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/21/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Rachel Klein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and Committee members,

I'm writing to support the re-appointment for Dr. James Pleiss to the state's Board of Chiropractic. I have served on the board with Dr. Pleiss over the past few years, during which time he has served in the capacity of board chair. In his duties, he has always been professional, thoughtful, hard-working, determined and genuine in his efforts to help the DCCA to regulate the chiropractic profession, manage licensees and protect the public. I have no doubt that with an additional term he will continue to use his skills and expertise to further serve the people of Hawai'i, and for that reason I wholeheartedly support his appointment by this committee.

Mahalo for your time,

Rachel M. Klein, ND, DC, DACNB, FIBFN-CND

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Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:55:02 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/21/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Ogawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have know Dr James Pleiss for 35 years and I support his comformation to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic.

Sincerely

Alice Ogawa, DC