

GM564

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN COMBS, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Psychology

Description:

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Current Referral: CPN

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<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
4/1/2015	S	Received.
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4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 564.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is May Ferrer and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Psychology ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 564, regarding the **reappointment** of Brian B. Combs, Ph.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Combs' reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Combs is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed as a psychologist in Hawaii since November 20, 1992, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Combs has proven to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. In addition to his skills and knowledge of the industry, he is a devoted member who takes his commitment to public service seriously. Dr. Combs contributes to the

breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. He has attended thirty-two out of thirty-eight meetings.

The Department believes that Dr. Combs' interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Brian B. Combs, Ph.D., to the Board of Psychology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 564, regarding the reappointment of Brian B. Combs, Ph.D., ABPP-CN to the Hawaii Board of Psychology ("Board").

As the former executive officer of the Board, I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Combs for approximately three (3) years. Dr. Combs exemplifies all of the qualities of professional and diligent member. I clearly recall Dr. Combs volunteering his time outside of scheduled Board meetings to assist staff with research, testify at legislative hearings, and work with various community organizations on behalf of the Board. Most importantly, Dr. Combs is fair-minded and ethical.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 564, regarding the reappointment of Dr. Combs to the Hawaii Board of Psychology.

From: [Jen Yamashita](#)
To: [CPN Testimony](#)
Subject: Dr. Brian Combs
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 9:21:44 AM

Dear Senate Committee on Consumer Protection,

I am writing in support of Dr. Brian Combs' nomination for membership on the Board of Psychology. I have worked with Dr. Combs at The Tripler Army Medical Center since 2008. He is involved in direct patient care and training of Psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows. We work closely as members of the training faculty. I know Dr. Combs to be a competent, compassionate, and ethical psychologist. He is fair-minded and deliberate in his decision-making processes and works flexibly with the rest of the faculty staff in solving problems and setting policy.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Yamashita, Ph.D.
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April 13, 2015

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Hawaii State Legislature

RE: Board of Psychology nomination

Dear Committee Members,

It has been my privilege serve on the Board of Psychology for the past 4 years and to have the opportunity to continue for another term. Having served my first term on the Board, I have come to an appreciation of its procedural workings as well as a sense of the scope of its duties. I also hope that my past experience in administrative roles in major medical centers in Hawaii (The Queens Medical Center, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific) as well as the practice of Clinical Psychology in the State of Hawaii provides additional perspective.

I hope to continue to help ensure the safe and competent provision of psychological services in the state of Hawaii through my participation on the Board of Psychology. I anticipate continuing to be an active member and I hope that with my experience and the relationships I have developed, a more effective member.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Combs, Ph.D., ABPP
Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology Licensed Clinical Psychologist