

# GM580

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER HALFORD, MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

**Report Title:** Hawai'i Medical Board

**Description:**

**Companion:**

**Package:**

**Current Referral:** CPN

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4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
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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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580.**

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

My name is Ahlani Quiogue and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 580, regarding the **appointment** of Peter Halford, M.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Halford's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Halford is being appointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since July 7, 1972, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Having served on the Board as an interim appointee since July 1, 2014, Dr. Halford attended five of the eight Board meetings. Dr. Halford's extensive professional experience enables him to quickly understand the issues before the Board. The Board has relied on Dr. Halford on many occasions to assist Board staff with

research projects in order to provide consumers and other regulatory boards/programs with a clearer understanding of its laws/rules.

We believe that Dr. Halford's interest in serving on the Board, 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 Dr. Halford to the Hawaii Medical Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TO:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, April 17, 2015

TIME: 8:30am

PLACE: Conference Room 229

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association

Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

**Re: GM580**

### **SUPPORT**

Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Peter Halford to the Hawaii Medical Board and urges the Committee to confirm this nomination. Dr. Halford has demonstrated himself to be a strong clinician and physician leader amongst his peers and will serve the Hawaii public well in this position. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Paula Yoshioka  
Senior Vice President  
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: GM 580, Nomination of Peter Halford, MD, for the Hawaii Medical Board  
Hearing—April 17, 2015

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The Queen's Health Systems would like to provide strong support for the nomination of Peter Halford, MD, for a term on the Hawaii Medical Board.

Dr. Halford—who was born at Queen's—has shown his great commitment to improving the quality of and access to care through his various posts at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and as the director of Trauma Services for Queen's for 15 years. Dr. Halford also served as Chief of Staff of the Queen's physicians and has the requisite knowledge and experience to serve on this committee.

We are heartened by this nomination and urge your full support of Dr. Halford's nomination.

*The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.*



CEDRIC S.F. LORENZO, MD

April 16, 2015

Hawaii State Senate

RE: Dr. Peter Halford (nominee GM 580; Hawaii Medical Board)

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate,

It is my privilege to strongly support, without reservation, the nomination of Dr. Peter Halford to the Hawaii Medical Board.

I have known Dr. Halford for over 15 years - first as a surgical resident at the University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program and now as a colleague at the University of Hawaii Department of Surgery and the Queen's Medical Center. He is a phenomenal educator, astute physician and skilled surgeon. He is a talented administrator who is able to build consensus and make tough decisions. He upholds the highest of ethical standards and is fair in his assessments.

I can think of no other person who possesses the skills, knowledge and experience as Dr. Halford. He will make a fine addition to the Hawaii Medical Board and serve well in that capacity.

Sincerely,

Cedric S. F. Lorenzo, MD  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Medical Director for Minimally Invasive & Bariatric Surgery  
John A. Burns School of Medicine & the Queen's Medical Center

April 15, 2015  
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Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
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email: [senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**RE: Peter Halford, MD  
Candidate for Hawaii Medical Board [GM580]**

Dear Honorable Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Thank you for the opportunity to present a written statement for your consideration **in strong support** of Dr. Peter Halford's confirmation to the **Hawaii Medical Board**.

By way of background, I am a tenured Professor at the University of Hawaii, and I served as the prior Chair of the Department of Surgery for 11 years, and I have also served as the General Surgery Residency Program Director for the past 13 years. As a result of these roles, I had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Halford, and I therefore believe that I am in good position to speak to the qualities that make him well-suited to serve the public and the citizens of Hawaii on the Hawaii Medical Board. I will not reiterate what is in his application packet, but rather highlight the skill set he would bring with him.

First of all, Dr. Halford has extensive administrative experience, as his curriculum vita demonstrates. He has served as the Director of General Surgery Resident Education at The Queen's Medical Center for almost 2 decades. Moreover, he has held many elected positions for recurring terms at The Queen's Medical Center, such as Vice-Chief and Chief of Staff, testament to the respect that he has been accorded by his colleagues. He is always courteous and respectful, and he works extremely well with others. He has the highest morals and ethics, and is well-regarded for his fairness, transparency, candor, integrity and professional demeanor. It also goes without saying that he is a compassionate and highly skilled surgeon – his wide patient base includes many physicians and other healthcare providers who trust him implicitly.

In closing, I believe that Dr. Peter Halford has the requisite qualifications, skills, and temperament to serve the public in an exemplary manner as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board, and I unequivocally support his candidacy with the highest possible enthusiasm. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Takanishi, Jr., MD, FACS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danny M. Takanishi, Jr., MD, FACS

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

**I would like to continue to be a member of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board") because I believe I have, and will continue to provide a great service to the public and the medical profession given my vast experience as an medical educator, licensed practicing physician, and the administrative roles I have held with The Queen's Medical Center.**

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

**The Board's roles and responsibilities include, but are not limited to: 1) protecting the public from unsafe and incompetent practitioners; 2) license those who meet the minimum licensing requirements pursuant to statutory and rule requirements; and 3) disciplining practitioners licensed/certified by the Board if they are in violation of the Board's statutes or rules.**

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

**I believe I can help protect consumers by ensuring that applicants are qualified to practice their respective professions and disciplining those who are in violation of the Board's statutes or rules. Additionally, as an interim appointee I have volunteered to assist Board staff with research, etc in order to provide consumers with a clearer understanding of its laws/rules.**

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

**As I alluded to above, I believe I am qualified to serve on the Hawaii Medical Board given my past and present experience. Specifically, I held/hold numerous positions with the John A. Burns School of Medicine, including being the Director of Surgical Education. Additionally, I am currently the Chair of the Credentials Committee for The Queen's Medical Center. As the Chair of the Credentials Committee I am required to be familiar with both the license requirements and scope of practice for physicians.**

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

**During my tenure as member of the Board, it is my desire to streamline some of the licensing processes and update or address any statutes and/or rules that are unclear and/or vague in order for the general public and medical community to understand.**

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

**Active participant: I come to meetings prepared to discuss all agenda items. I volunteer for assignments and provide recommendations to members so that we may resolve any issues that come before the Board.**

**Cooperative member: I work well with both the members of the Board and its staff.**



Peter Halford

**Problem-solver: I address a problem directly, but am also willing to collaborate with others so that there is an ultimate solution to a problem/issue.**

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

**Please see responses to questions 1 and 4.**

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

**As the Chair of the Credentials Committee for The Queen's Medical Center I may be faced with issues where there is a pending application with the Board and with Queen's. If this happens, I am aware that by law I must recuse myself from all discussion and decision making regarding this matter.**