

# GM582

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, PALASI-SAM PULETASI, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

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

**Description:**

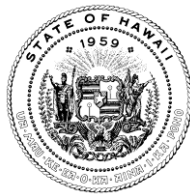
**Companion:**

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**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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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 582.**

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, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 582, regarding the **reappointment** of Mr. Palasi-Sam Puleyasi to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Puleyasi's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Puleyasi is being reappointed to the Board as a public member. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2011. Mr. Puleyasi is a reliable member, and has

excellent attendance at Board meetings. Mr. Puleyasi attended 43 of the 44 Board meetings.

Mr. Puleyasi has, and continues to bring the true perspective of the “consumer”. Both Mr. Puleyasi’s personal and employment experiences with numerous medical related areas makes him a valued member of the Board. His desire to continue to serve as a public member is commendable.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Puleyasi to the Hawaii Medical Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**From:** [Mary Finley](#)  
**To:** [CPN Testimony](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 5:29:09 PM

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I support Sam Puletasi's recommendation.

**From:** [Teri Heede](#)  
**To:** [CPN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** PULETASI NOMINATION - HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 6:24:42 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Aloha, Chair and Members the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection!

I am requesting that you approve the nomination of Palasi-Sam Puleyasi to the Hawaii Medical Board.

Mr. Puleyasi is well versed in the matters that come before this board and has served admirably and with integrity in the past. I am sure that he will continue to serve in a manner that will exemplify his commitment to serve the people in our community and enthusiasm to the teamwork this Board requires.

I would appreciate your support in assuring Mr. Puleyasi is approved.

Mahalo!

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May 13, 2015

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Dear Senators,

I am delighted to be nominated to serve another term on the Hawai'i Medical Board. I would like to thank governors David Ige and Neil Abercrombie for nominating myself for these two terms. I enjoyed the experience and learned a lot. Having gone from being a Special Agent for Homeland Security to a patient in a coma for six months and then a paralyzed patient for another six months at the Rehab center to a disabled man forcibly retired on disability and living on disability social security, I know personally what being a patient is like. I have great gratitude toward the majority of my doctors and the friends and family members who helped me.

Since that time, I have rebuilt my life. I have also done what I could to repay the community by helping others in need make it through the system. I have become acquainted with many doctors and others in the medical professions. Most were competent and caring. Some were questionable.

I believe that having someone who is not in the medical profession on the Board to help protect the rights and cares of the consumers and their families is important and I have been proud to have been that person for a term and look forward to being able to do it again. Please review my resume and responses for further details.

In closing, please take good care of your health and don't forget to take a time :)

Mahalo for your consideration.

Palasi "Sam" Puletasi