

GM735

THOMAS KOSASA

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS KOSASA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
2/22/2012	S	Received.
2/22/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/9/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-22-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Thursday, March 22, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 735.

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

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 735, regarding the **reappointment** of Thomas S. Kosasa, M.D., to the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board").

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kosasa's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Kosasa is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since February 1, 1975, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Having served on the Board since July 1, 2008, Dr. Kosasa's extensive medical experience enables him to quickly understand the issues before the Board. In deference to his many years of experience as a practitioner, the Board on many occasions has asked for his thoughts and guidance on complicated issues. By bringing

his knowledge, background and expertise to discussions, he offers a unique perspective. Because of this, the Board has had the necessary information and knowledge on which to base its decisions.

Dr. Kosasa is extremely organized and comes to meetings well prepared, having read and reviewed all materials and documents provided to Board members prior to meetings. As a result, he is able to contribute to discussions ranging from applicants' qualifications for licensure to matters relating to surgery.

We believe that Dr. Kosasa'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. Kosasa to the Hawaii Medical Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2012

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229

To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Roger Kimura, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: GM735 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS KOSASA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Thomas Kosasa, M.D. to the Hawaii Medical Board. Dr. Kosasa has long been a steady advocate of health care in the state, and a tireless servant to the advancement of its health care system. His dedication to the wellness of Hawaii's residents and to implementation of a sound health care policy to care for Hawaii's patients is without question.

It is without reservation that the Hawaii Medical Association supports the nomination of Thomas Kosasa, M.D. to the Hawaii Medical Board.

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Personal Statement:

I am most honored to be given the opportunity to remain as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board. One of the most important aspects that one can contribute as a Board Member is to insure that everyone in Hawaii receive the highest level of medical care.

As a present member of the Board I have consistently evaluated every physician to make sure that they can practice medicine with the highest level of skill.

Medical care in Hawaii is considered to be the best in the nation and I feel that it is the responsibility of the Hawaii Medical Board to have our physicians maintain this highest level of medical care.

As a member of the Hawaii Medical Board, I will continue to carefully review the qualifications of every physician who presents before the Board in order that all of us in Hawaii can be assured that we are being cared for by the most skilled and qualified physicians.

Sincerely,



Thomas Kosasa, M.D.