

GM629

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, JULIE TAKISHIMA-LACASA, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.
Report Title:	Board of Pharmacy
Current Referral:	CPH



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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Thursday, March 29, 2018
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 629, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JULIE TAKISHIMA-LACASA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 629, regarding the **reappointment** of Julie Takishima-Lacasa to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Takishima-Lacasa's reappointment to the Board.

Despite her busy schedule as a researcher at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Social Science Research Institute, licensed clinical primary care psychologist at integrative health clinic Manakai O Malama, and chair for the Hawaii Psychological Association's Legislative Action Committee since her appointment in 2016, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has attended 29 of 37 scheduled Board meetings.

Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is one of two public members on the Board and currently serves as the Board's Vice Chair.

The Board recognizes Dr. Takishima-Lacasa's leadership skills and ability to understand issues that may be less familiar to her. She gets along well with all of the Board members and is able to lead the Board when necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dr. Takishima-Lacasa to the Board.

From: mindmatters808@gmail.com
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Board of Pharmacy, request for additional term, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa
Date: Monday, March 26, 2018 2:29:22 PM

Dear Senator Baker,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa, who has served one term as a public member of the Board of Pharmacy and is seeking to continue in this position.

I have known Dr. Takishima-Lacasa for many years; first as an outstanding student in my class in the Clinical Studies Program of the University of Hawaii Department of Psychology, and later as a highly-valued colleague in the Hawaii Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. She has been a leader in promoting the health and welfare of people in rural areas both in her clinical work in integrated healthcare in Hawaii and at the national level on the APA Rural Health Committee. In addition, she has been an active and effective member and chair of the HPA legislative committee.

She brings a passion for serving the needs of the underserved, for social justice, and strongly believes in contributing to her community through public service. In her first term on the Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has accumulated invaluable experience and knowledge, and has taken on the role of Vice-Chair. If reappointed, these would assist her in being a highly effective member of the Board.

I cannot overstate my admiration and appreciation for Dr. Takishima-Lacasa's qualities and abilities. I give her the strongest possible recommendation.

Sincerely,

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**THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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TO: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

HEARING: Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 9:30am, Conference Room 229

FROM: Jill Oliveira Gray, Ph.D.
Hawaii Licensed Clinical Psychologist

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 629
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, Gubernatorial Nominee, **JULIE TAKISHIMA-LACASA, Ph.D.**

Honorable Senator Baker, Senator Tokuda and members of the Committee on Health & Human Services, my name is Dr. Jill Oliveira Gray and I am a licensed Hawai'i Clinical Psychologist. I wish to submit **my very strong recommendation in support of Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa's reappointment to the Board of Pharmacy.**

I have known Dr. Takishima-Lacasa professionally over the past decade and have worked with her closely as a supervisor and mentor and now as a colleague. Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is extremely competent and ethical in her field, compassionate about larger societal issues that impact our communities, and steadfast in her abilities to work hard, accomplish great things, and inspire others.

As an early career psychologist, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has already accomplished so much as is evidenced by her multiple clinical and research endeavors as well as her taking on multiple volunteer positions within her state psychological association, national psychological association, and even beyond psychology, as a public member of the Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is extremely passionate about advocacy, legislative processes, societal issues and serving others. She is an amazing asset to any group, committee, board, and/or team that is fortunate enough to have her.

I have no doubt that she will continue to bring these professional and personal qualities and skills to her work as a member on the Board of Pharmacy.

Respectfully submitted,



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March 28, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
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Re: Letter of Recommendation on Behalf of Julie Takishima-Lacasa PhD.,
Re-Appointment Nominee, to the Hawai`i Board of Pharmacy

Dear Senator Baker:

It is with great pleasure for me to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Julie Takishima-Lacasa, PhD, in her renewal appointment to the Hawai`i Board of Pharmacy, for which she currently serves as Vice Chair. I am past-president of the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA), HPA's elected member to the American Psychological Association (APA) Council of Representatives, and APA member to the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

It has been an honor for me to work very closely with Dr. Takishima-Lacasa on numerous public and service related association projects and committees on the HPA board and on national fronts. I can readily attest to her exceptional competencies, qualities and capabilities that would make her an outstanding asset in her re-appointment to the Hawai`i Board of Pharmacy as a public member. With the familiarity, experience and knowledge gained through her first term on this Board, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa will be able to hit the ground running, allowing her to serve with even greater effectiveness in a second term.

Without a doubt, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is a most impressive individual both personally and professionally. At the heart of her work is a sincere desire to be of service to the community. If I was in the position of seeking board or working group members, she would be on the very top of my list. Dr. Takishima-Lacasa exhibits qualities of an effective communicator who is welcoming and inclusive of other perspectives and uses a collaborative approach to problem solving and decision-making. Not only is Dr. Takishima-Lacasa extremely bright, efficient and hardworking, but she is also a natural leader who enthusiastically takes the initiative when projects need to be developed, planned, and organized. Time and again, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has demonstrated an amazingly well-developed skill set in managing high levels of responsibility and effectively moving tasks forward to successful completion.

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Endorsement for Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa

Professionally, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has extensive experience in rural integrated behavioral health settings, working in FQCHCs, primary care clinics, and school settings in remote communities of Hilo and Lana`i, along with rural areas across O`ahu. She is currently in a research position at the Social Science Research Institute of the University of Hawai`i of Manoa.

Dr. Takishima-Lacasa has eagerly taken on extensive public service leadership responsibilities within HPA, APA, and our community. She currently serves as HPA's Legislative Action Committee Chair and Federal Advocacy Coordinator, tirelessly heading our association's advocacy efforts. She is also serving on APA's Rural Health Committee. On a personal level, Dr. Takishima-Lacasa is a joy to work with due to her sincere, generous, positive and enthusiastic demeanor.

In summary, I give Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa the highest endorsement possible. She would be a stellar choice for re-appointment as a public member on the Board of Pharmacy.

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