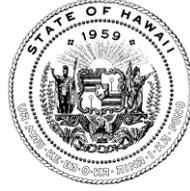


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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL JAFFE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Hawai'i Medical Board

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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 616, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL JAFFE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Michael Jaffe's appointment to the Hawaii Medical Board (Board).

Dr. Jaffe specializes in physical medicine, rehabilitation, and pain management and started his private practice, Hawaii Brain and Spine, the beginning of last year. He is a California native and practiced in Southern California for over 20 years prior to moving to Hawaii with his family.

In addition to his medical publications, Dr. Jaffe authored a book on treating lower back pain while improving your golf game. He is an avid outdoors enthusiast and has led mountaineering expeditions up notable peaks, such as Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Fuji. Dr. Jaffe has run in countless marathons, coached youth soccer, and been a

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snowboarding instructor in California. Dr. Jaffe's private and professional life outside Hawaii will bring a thoughtful mainland perspective to the Board.

The Department believes that Dr. Jaffe's interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 9:15:26 AM

Testimony for CPH on 4/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Medical Board,

I am writing to express my support for Dr. Michael Jaffe as a member of the Hawaii State Medical Board. I have known Mike and his family for several years in both a professional and social capacity, and he has my highest recommendation. I am a practicing neuroradiologist here in the state, and we discuss interesting and challenging patients and delivery of patient care with some frequency. Mike is genuinely thoughtful, insightful, open minded, and curious. All of these qualities will make him a true asset to the Medical Board.

In addition to his professional qualifications, Mike and I have served the community together as adult leaders in our local Cub Scout Pack 223 in Kailua, where he has been a den leader.

I have no doubt that Dr. Jaffe will serve the state as a capable, creative professional above reproach. I urge you to select him for the Hawaii State Medical Board.

Sincerely,

Matthew E. Harris, MD

Neuroradiologist/Diagnostic Radiologist

Radiology Partners, MBB Radiology

From: [Karen Sept](#)
To: [baker4 - Alisha](#)
Subject: GM616
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 9:04:25 AM

Dear Senator Baker

I am writing in support of Michael Jaffe, DO's nomination to the Hawaii State Medical Board. I believe his experience in pain management will be very beneficial with the current opioid crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha

Karen Sept, DO