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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 569

WRITTEN ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 569, regarding the appointment of Garrett Alan Lau, RPh. to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Lau's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Mr. Lau and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Lau, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and

experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

A licensed pharmacist since 1995, Mr. Lau is currently the Director of Pharmacy of Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii – Kauai Community Health Center, which serves the uninsured and underinsured populations on Kauai. Prior to Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii, Mr. Lau was employed by Long's Drug Stores as a staff pharmacist and Pharmacy Manager. Mr. Lau also has experience in small independent pharmacies. This varied experience will serve Mr. Lau well on the Board.

Mr. Lau earned his Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1995 from the Washington State University, College of Pharmacy. In 2003, Mr. Lau was commissioned into the United States Navy Reserve as a pharmacist and has practiced pharmacy within the U.S. Department of Defense healthcare setting. Mr. Lau is also a member of the Hawaii Pharmacist Association.

As with many other professionals who have dedicated themselves to their chosen professions, Mr. Lau also believes in giving back to the community. Mr. Lau would like to expand upon his service at Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii by also serving on the Board of Pharmacy.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Lau will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Lau's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Lau's behalf.



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April 8, 2009

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to write a recommendation for Garrett Lau, RPh to serve on the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Lau has been in the employ of Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i since February 13, 2006. He is currently the Director of Pharmacy for Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i and we are fortunate to have his vast expertise. During his time at Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i we have expanded our service and have given many without access, needed medications to improve their lives.

Previously Mr. Lau had experience in for-profit retail pharmacies here on Kaua'i. He is familiar with the practice of pharmacists and the regulations associated with pharmacies. Mr. Lau will be a valuable asset to the board of pharmacy given his broad experience in the pharmacy industry. He will bring a perspective to the board to assure the continuity of pharmacy regulations while balancing that with greater access to those most in need. Mr. Lau is a person of great integrity, dedication and experience.

I firmly reiterate my recommendation for him to serve on the Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

David Peters

Chief Executive Officer

10 April 2009

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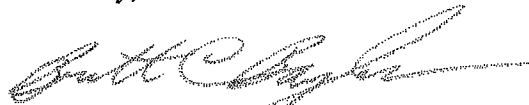
To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Garrett Lau is an outstanding pharmacist with the added ability to provide exceptional patient care. His attention to detail and dedication with regard to offering the best possible medication counseling to his patients is in a word, exemplary. It is my sincere privilege to write you on behalf of Dr. Lau as he pursues a position with the State Board of Pharmacy.

For approximately four-and-a-half years, as the Pharmacy Department Head at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, I have had the good fortune to work with Dr. Lau and observe first hand the work habits that have made him a success. Any employer looking to fill a position with an individual with solid experience and knowledge within Hawaii's pharmaceutical care environment would be hard pressed to find a more qualified, more dedicated, more empathetic healthcare provider than Dr. Lau.

Dr. Lau has my highest possible recommendation as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy. He is articulate, poised and dedicated to providing the highest quality of performance and has displayed a keen desire to expand his service to our community. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 688-0668.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Britt C. Bayles", written in dark ink on a white background.

Britt C. Bayles, PharmD