

GM565

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, RODNEY CHING, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

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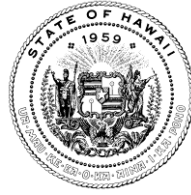
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4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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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 565.

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

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department").

The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 565, regarding the **reappointment** of Rodney Ching, Esq., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Ching's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Ching has been serving on the Board as a public member since November 19, 2012. He has an excellent attendance record, attending fifteen of fifteen meetings. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrate that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agenda. In addition, by sharing

valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience, Mr. Ching contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. He is very effective in providing a perspective from the public's point of view.

Mr. Ching has been a practicing attorney for approximately thirty years. He is currently a hearings officer with the Administrative Driver's License Revocation Office, State of Hawaii. He has been in private practice, an attorney for the State and City & County of Honolulu, and also served as a per diem Family Court Judge. With his legal experience and his willingness to serve the public and contribute to the community, Mr. Ching is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the reappointment of Mr. Ching to the Board of Dental Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 7, 2015

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 S. Beretania St., Ste. 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Rodney K.F. Ching, GM565
Nomination to the Board of Dental Examiners

Dear Senator Baker and Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection:

This letter is written to support the nomination of Rodney K.F. Ching to the Board of Dental Examiners. I have known Mr. Ching for over 28 years in my capacity as Paralegal and Office Manager of Fonseca & Ching.

I have personal knowledge of Mr. Ching and how he relates with clients, attorneys, court personnel and other professionals. Mr. Ching possesses high standards for ethical behavior, and he always conducts himself in a professional and fair manner. His attributes would be an asset to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Office Manager

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April 7, 2015

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
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Re: Rodney K.F. Ching
Nomination to Board of Dental Examiners

Senator Baker and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am writing to recommend Rodney K.F. Ching for the position on the Board of Dental Examiners. I have known Mr. Ching professionally for over a decade. I have found him to be professional, knowledgeable and skillful as a lawyer. He also has the analytical and regulatory background to be a valuable and contributing member of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Lorin A. Kau

LAK/me
cc: Rodney K.F. Ching

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April 3, 2015

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM565, Board of Dental Examiners nomination

Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you for your e-mail dated April 1, 2015. I respectfully submit the following information in response to the eight (8) questions you posed.

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

This is full circle for me. I started my legal career at DCCA/RICO in 1982 as an investigator (pending the Bar results) and staff attorney (after I passed the Bar). I investigated/prosecuted licensing violations. At that time, I wondered what it would be like to be a member of a Board or Commission. Sort of like being a lawyer and wondering what it would be like to sit on a jury. When I became aware of an opening on BODE, I applied and was appointed. This is the 2nd term for me. I am still learning, but find the work both interesting and challenging. Personally, I am retiring from private practice and wanted to continue doing some volunteer work to keep me busy. I am currently on the Public Advocacy Committee for Commission for Dental Competency Assessments (national/international testing agency).

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

My role as a Public Member of the Board is to be an advocate for the consumer/public's interest in all matters before the Board. My responsibility as a member of the Board is to follow the law as it pertains to regulating dentists and hygienists in the State of Hawaii.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can protect the consumer?

As an attorney, I believe I can read, understand and interpret the law. I am also familiar with researching case law and legislative history should that become necessary. As a consumer, I can relate to how a Board decision will impact me, individually, and, hopefully, reasonably infer how it will impact consumers in general.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

As an attorney I bring my advocacy and negotiating skills with me to the Board meetings. I have also handled private and court annexed arbitrations and mediations and can, hopefully, resolve conflicts in a fair and just manner. As a former per diem Family Court judge, I hope to bring civility to the meetings, fairness and respect for other's positions/opinions. As a returning Public Member, I have a working knowledge of the applicable law and administrative rules.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to represent the dental consumer/public's interest. I hope to bring civility, fairness and respect to the meetings. As a voting member, I hope to make decisions that serve the best interests of the dental consumer/public. I will encourage the Board to be responsive to the needs of the dental consumer/public and not necessarily what is beneficial to the dental profession.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Fairness: My legal/judicial background will benefit the Board by encouraging members to look at all sides of an issue, weigh the evidence/argument carefully and make decisions based on facts, not speculation, within the parameters of the law and in the best interests of the public.

Civility: I will promote civility within the Board. I believe that everyone should be treated equally and with civility. Board members should work together in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect towards accomplishing the goals of the Board.

Decisiveness: Once the Board has carefully considered an issue, I will encourage the Board to make a timely decision and stick to it. I will support the Board's decision even if I was in the minority.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I currently serve on the Rules Committee for the Board and have been meeting to discuss rule changes. I am currently on the Public Advocacy Committee for Commission for Dental Competency Assessments, attend the annual meetings (3 so far) and can bring a national perspective to the Board.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

There were no conflicts during my first term. I do not foresee any conflicts of interests that could arise during my service on the Board. If there was one, I would disclose that I had a potential conflict (without describing the specific nature of the conflict so as not to influence any other member's opinion on the issue) and recuse myself from any discussions/vote on the issue.

Thank you for considering my nomination and for the opportunity to provide this letter. If you have any questions regarding this letter or require any further information, please feel free to contact me at 521-1141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney K.F. Ching". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney K.F. Ching

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