

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1683

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2015

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 732,
733, 734, 735

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 732, 733, 734, and 735, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

G.M. No. 732 GAYLE C. CHANG,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019;

G.M. No. 733 DR. GEFFREY E. REYNOLDS,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019.
(Nominee's name amended to DR.
GEOFFREY E. REYNOLDS by GM755.);

G.M. No. 734 DR. JERE H. E. LOO,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019; and

G.M. No. 735 DR. SEULYN K.L. AU,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Gayle C. Chang, Geoffrey E. Reynolds, Jere H.E. Loo, and Seulyyn K.L. Au to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.



GAYLE C. CHANG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Gayle C. Chang from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Chang's background, desire to serve the community, and experience on the Board of Examiners in Optometry qualify her for reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry as a public member. Your Committee notes that Ms. Chang is a dental hygienist with almost forty years of experience in Hawaii. Ms. Chang also previously served two terms as a dental hygienist member on the Board of Dental Examiners, where she spent time as Vice Chair. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Chang has served on the Board of Examiners in Optometry since July 2010 and her ability to provide a perspective from the public's point of view continues to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Chang be reappointed to the Board of Examiners in Optometry based on her background, experience, and commitment to public service.

GEOFFREY E. REYNOLDS

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Geoffrey E. Reynolds from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Optometric Association, and four individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Reynolds' knowledge, background, and experience on the Board of Examiners in Optometry qualify him for reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry as a licensee member. Your Committee notes that Dr. Reynolds is an optometrist in private practice, has been licensed in Hawaii since 1998, and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry. Dr. Reynolds has been a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry since July 2011, currently serves as the Chairperson of the Board, and is the Board's delegate to attend National Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry meetings. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Reynolds's experience remains a valuable asset to the Board of Examiners in Optometry and recommends that Dr. Reynolds be reappointed to the Board of Examiners in Optometry based on his background, experience, and dedication to public service.



JERE H.E. LOO

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Jere H.E. Loo from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Optometric Association, and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that background, knowledge, and experience on the Board of Examiners in Optometry qualify him for reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry as a licensee member. Your Committee notes that Dr. Loo is a second generation optometrist who has maintained his practice of primary care optometry on Kauai for twenty-eight years. Dr. Loo has previous experience on the Board of Examiners in Optometry and has been a current member of the Board since July 2012. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Loo's many years of experience in a rural setting bring a unique perspective that continues to enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Examiners in Optometry. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Loo be reappointed to the Board of Examiners in Optometry based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to serving the public.

SEULYN K.L. AU

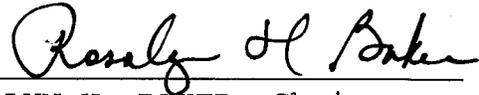
Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Seulyn K.L. Au from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Optometric Association, and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Au's knowledge, background, and commitment to serving the community qualify her for appointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry as a licensee member. Your Committee notes that Dr. Au has been a licensed optometrist in Hawaii for over thirty years and was the founder and managing optometric director of the Kalihi-Palama Optometry Clinic, the State's first and only nonprofit eye clinic that provides eye care to homeless and medically-underserved residents. Dr. Au is also actively involved with her community, including serving in leadership roles for Palama Settlement and on the boards of other nonprofit organizations. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Au has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and recommends that Dr. Au be appointed to the Board of Examiners in Optometry based on her background, experience, and dedication to public service.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,

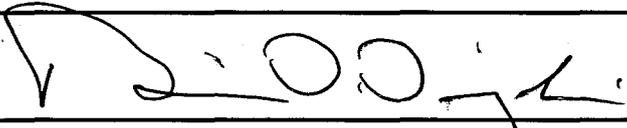


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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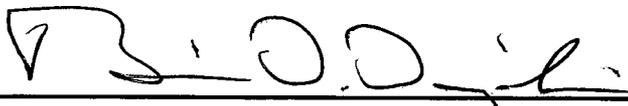
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TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
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TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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