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Wednesday, April 11, 2018
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 692, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SHANNON CHING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

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 Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 692, regarding the **reappointment** of Shannon Ching to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Ching's reappointment to the Board.

Licensed as an audiologist in Hawaii since February 3, 1983, Dr. Ching has over 35 years of professional experience. He is also licensed as a hearing aid dealer and fitter since September 21, 1983.

Dr. Ching is a reliable member and has attended 6 out of 8 meetings since his appointment. He is conscientious in preparing for these meetings, and by sharing his valuable insights and expertise gained through his many years of experience, Dr. Ching contributes to the depth and breadth of information that the Board finds invaluable when making its decisions.

The Department believes that Dr. Ching's interest in and commitment to serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dr. Ching to the Board.

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April 10, 2018

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To the Honorable Rosalyn Baker:

I am proud to submit this letter of recommendation for Dr. Shannon Ching, an unselfish audiologist who has generously given his time and personal resources to the District wide hearing screening efforts for the District 50 Hawaii Lions for many years!

There is no one more deserving than Dr. Ching to serve on the Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology. His technical knowledge in the field of audiology is only matched with his commitment and passion to ensure that residents in Hawaii have access to effective interventions to combat the loss of one of our most cherished senses: hearing!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you desire additional information. Thank you very much for your time and favorable consideration to appoint Dr. Shannon Ching to the Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Blayne Hanagami'.

Blayne Hanagami, District Governor
District 50 Hawaii Lions, State of Hawaii
Akaka Falls Lions Club
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April 9, 2018

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
State Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Board:

I understand that Dr. Shannon Ching has been nominated to serve on the State Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, and I can think of no one more qualified, professionally and character-wise, to serve on the Board. Shannon Ching has an AuD doctoral degree and has been managing and practicing in a private audiological practice for over 30 years in one office and in a second office for 15 years.

Shannon Ching also has a distinguished career as a Lion of District 50 Hawaii Lions, Lions Clubs International, and served as the District Governor, the top leadership position, in 2008 – 2009. He was instrumental in developing and implementing the Lions Hearing Screening Program state-wide for elementary school children in 2008, and since then, has been providing training, supervision, and hands-on service for all hearing screening. Since its beginning, the hearing testing program has benefitted thousands of students in the K – 2nd Grade level

I highly recommend that Shannon Ching's nomination as a member of the State Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology be favorably considered. He will be a great asset to the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comments.

Sincerely,

(signed)

RONALD R. USHIJIMA

Secretary, Ala Moana Lions Club

