

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

997

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 540

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 540, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

G.M. No. 540 ERIN FIRMIN,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Erin Firmin for service on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Erin Firmin from the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Department of Education, and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Firmin's background, experience, and dedication to public service qualify her for appointment to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology as a licensee member. Your Committee notes that Ms. Firmin has worked as a speech-language pathologist in schools for over twenty years and has been a licensed speech pathologist in Hawaii since 2011. Ms. Firmin is currently employed by the Department of Education as a speech-language pathologist, and prior to that, worked as a speech-language pathologist with the San Diego Unified School District. Ms. Firmin is an active member in a number of professional and



community organizations, including the Hawaii Association of Behavior Analysis and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and has held various chair positions with the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Firmin has served as an interim member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology since September 2020 and was recently confirmed as the Board's chairperson. Ms. Firmin's experience and knowledge will continue to be assets to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Firmin be appointed to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <i>GM 540</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPN</i>	Date: <i>03/10/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	/			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil				/
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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