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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2009

Friday, April 17, 2009  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 549**

**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. 549, regarding the appointment of Robert G. Sherman, D.M.D., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Sherman'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 Dr. Sherman 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 Dr. Sherman, 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.

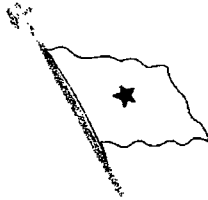
A Captain in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, Dr. Sherman is currently the Director of Dental Services at the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii. Dr. Sherman also serves as a part-time consultant for the Hawaii Dental Service. Dr. Sherman earned his undergraduate and D.M.D. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. He also earned a Certificate in Oral Medicine from the Naval Dental School in Maryland. Since 1982, Dr. Sherman has been providing dental care to the sailors of the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Sherman's professional affiliations include: the American Board of Oral Medicine, the Pierre Fauchard International Dental Academy, the American Academy of Oral Medicine, the American Dental Association, the American Association of Dental Consultants, and the Hawaii Dental Association. He also has held numerous academic appointments at: the naval Postgraduate Dental School, Old Dominion University, Medical College of Virginia, and the George Washington University.

A decorated naval officer, Dr. Sherman would like to continue his service to the public by serving on the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Sherman 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 Dr. Sherman's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Dr. Sherman's behalf.



DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF  
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

10 April 2009

Dear Senator Baker:

I offer my strongest personal endorsement for the nomination of Captain Robert G. Sherman, Dental Corps, United States Navy to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

I have known Captain Sherman for over five years both on a personal and professional level and can state unequivocally that he will be an asset to the Board and the State of Hawaii. He is a superior leader who has the ability to blend diverse groups into a cohesive unit dedicated to the task at hand. His vast experience as a dentist coupled with his wisdom, knowledge, leadership, tenacity, and dedication make him well qualified for a position on the Board. He has superbly led both the Navy's medical and dental clinics at Pearl Harbor, displaying a caring concern for patients, civilian staff and military members under his jurisdiction while focusing efforts on achieving the mission and goals. I cannot think of anyone more qualified and ready to serve the citizens of Hawaii. To pass him over for this position would be a travesty.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 471-3983 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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T. C. TRAAEN  
Rear Admiral, SC, U.S. Navy

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Hawaii State  
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April 10, 2009

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
415 South Beretania Street  
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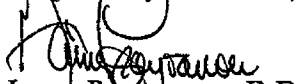
It is with great pleasure and without any reservations that I endorse the nomination of Dr Robert G. Sherman to The Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Sherman has served honorably and with distinction in The United States Navy, having achieved the rank of Captain, and most recently served as The Director of Dental Services at the Naval Health Clinic in Pearl Harbor.

Dr. Sherman has shown himself to treat everyone with whom he comes in contact with fairness and dignity. Dr. Sherman has prepared, organized and conducted continuing dental education seminars for military and civilian dentists. Dr. Sherman is a gentleman of high ethical and moral standards. As he has done for the Navy, he will be a strong advocate for good patient care in our state.

The State of Hawaii will be well served with this gentleman on its Board of Dental Examiners.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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April 10, 2009

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce  
And Consumer Protection

Dear Senator Baker,

I would like to give my strongest endorsement to the appointment of Dr. Robert G. Sherman to be a member of the State of Hawaii, Board of Dental Examiners. I have worked closely with Dr. Sherman for over three years while stationed in Hawaii.

In my estimation, Dr. Sherman is a health care leader and clinician with impeccable moral values, outstanding and decisive leadership skills, boundless energy and an unwavering concern for the welfare of his patients. He is an excellent public speaker and is not afraid to take a stance on an unpopular issue whenever common sense is needed.

Therefore, Dr. Sherman should be given every consideration to be chosen for this important position. I am confident that he will serve as a positive role model and leader for the other board members and will always have the best interest of the citizens of Hawaii in mind.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [gerald.kerr@med.navy.mil](mailto:gerald.kerr@med.navy.mil) or by telephone at Commercial: (808) 473-1880x3224 for any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Captain Gerald Kerr  
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April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce  
And Consumer Protection

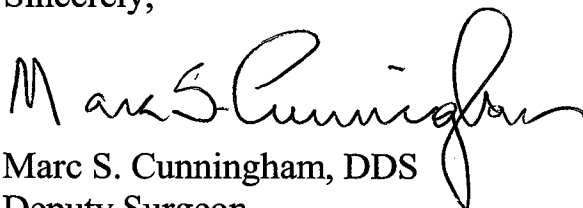
Dear Senator Baker,

I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Robert G. Sherman in regards to his appointment as a member of the State of Hawaii, Board of Dental Examiners. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Sherman for 6 years. In that time, we have forged an enduring personal and professional relationship. I know him to be a fair and compassionate leader and mentor. A man of great moral character and gravitas, Dr. Sherman epitomizes the Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

In addition to his innate leadership and organizational abilities, Dr. Sherman is an outstanding clinician. I have collaborated with him on innumerable complex, multi-disciplinary dental rehabilitation cases of the highest order of difficulty. His diagnostic acumen and vast reserve of clinical expertise has proven to be invaluable to me, and the many dentists he has interacted with during his tenure at Pearl Harbor.

In closing, Dr. Sherman carries with him my strongest possible recommendation for a position on the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc S. Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Marc S. Cunningham, DDS  
Deputy Surgeon  
Force Dental Officer

**From:** Darrell [teruyadt@worldnet.att.net]  
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

HEARING Friday, April 17, 2009 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 229

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT G. SHERMAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Chairman Baker, Vice Chairman Ige, honorable members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

I have the greatest respect for Dr. Robert Sherman and know that he will make an excellent addition to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners.

Darrell Teruya, DDS



GEORGE A. KANNA, D.D.S., INC.

April 8, 2009

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Robert G. Sherman, Captain in the United States Navy and Director of the Naval Medical and Dental Clinic at Pearl Harbor. I have known Captain Sherman for more than five years and have associated with him both professionally and socially. As a professional Captain Sherman is of exceptional quality. His record as director at Naval Dental Center at Pearl Harbor is unmatched and unprecedented. Under his leadership and direction, ninety-one ships and submarines have deployed out of Pearl Harbor at 100 percent operational dental readiness, a task that has never before been accomplished in the history of the Navy Dental Corps. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal with gold star, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. After over 25 years of meritorious service to our country, Captain Sherman will retire this year and lend his many talents to the dental profession here in Hawaii.

In 2005, Dr. Sherman played an important role and was an integral part in helping with the transition of the Dental and Dental Hygiene licensure exams in Hawaii. His diligence and coordination made the difficult switch from an independent dental licensure exam in Hawaii to the current National Licensure exam process possible. Dr. Sherman's knowledge and involvement in the dental profession is exceptional. He received academic appointments to the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, Medical College of Virginia, George Washington University, and Old Dominion University. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Oral Medicine, a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard International Dental Academy, and a dental examiner for the Central Regional Dental Testing Agency. Working with Dr. Sherman either through the National Dental Licensure Exams or with the Hawaii Dental Service has been a great pleasure. Confidence and leadership are his greatest assets and for myself, being a former Chairman of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners (1999-2007), I know Dr. Sherman will immediately contribute and be a great asset to the Board. I do hope that you consider Dr. Robert Sherman to hold a position on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners to ensure that our profession is regulated, and our public is protected.

Sincerely Yours,

Stanwood H. Kanna D.D.S.