

# GM 601

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVIN K. LUI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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Tuesday, April 5, 2011  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 601.**

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

My name is Sandra Matsushima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 601, regarding the **reappointment** of Kevin K.Y. Lui to the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Lui's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Lui has been licensed as an Optometrist since 1984, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board as an industry member since July 2007. Dr. Lui is a devoted member of the Board and he has attended 18 of 19 meetings.

Dr. Lui serves as the current Chairperson of the Board and has devoted his time and knowledge by assisting the Board to amend its administrative rules and to keep the Board on track with optometry issues both locally and nationally.

In addition, Dr. Lui volunteers his time and energy by attending legislative hearings and is the Board's delegate to attend the National Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry ("ARBO") meetings. Dr. Lui is committed to keeping the local industry informed with current trends in the practice of optometry. By sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed optometrist in active practice, Dr. Lui contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions.

The Board supports the reappointment of Dr. Lui and thanks you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

April 2, 2011

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection

RE: Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 601 the nomination of Dr. Kevin Lui to the Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Hawaii Optometric Association it is my pleasure to submit testimony in favor of the confirmation of Dr. Kevin Lui to a second term on the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Lui is a community minded person who has the best interest of the people in the State of Hawaii as his highest priority. A past president of the Hawaii Optometric Association, he fully understands the democratic policies of collaboration and compromise. Dr. Lui has been a doctor of Optometry in Hawaii since 1984 and is highly qualified to make fair and intelligent decisions on the practice and treatment of diseases of the eye.

Again thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of the appointment of Dr. Kevin Lui to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Optometric Association

March 28, 2011

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dear Senator Baker:

Please accept my request for reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I am the newly elected chair the Board and look forward to serving a second term.

As a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry, my duty is to advocate for the welfare of the public. As such, when interpreting and applying Hawaii's optometry law, my actions first and foremost ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of the state.

I wish to continue serving on the board because I enjoy using of my knowledge of optometry statutes and utilizing my experience in the legislative process. As a past president of the Hawaii Optometric Association I spent many days at the legislature in the 1990s working to update Hawaii's optometry law. It was a time I reflect fondly upon and am grateful for the expertise it gave me in the arena of optometry law.

In addition, my background includes:

- Served on the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Medical Advisory Board from 1998-2006. I served as chair of the Board from 2001-2006. This board reviews applications for drivers' licenses when medical fitness to drive is questioned.
- From 1998 to 2007 I served on the Regulated Industries Complaints Office Advisory Committee for Optometry. In this capacity, I was consulted if a complaint was filed against an optometrist and the actions of the optometrist were questioned.
- From 2000 to 2008 I was a member of the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee. This committee provides local input into how Medicare policies are applied in Hawaii.
- 26 years of active clinical practice.

It would be an honor for me to continue to serve on this board. Please strongly consider me for reappointment.

With best regards,

Kevin K. Lui, OD