

# GM 603

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHARI GOO-YOSHINO, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

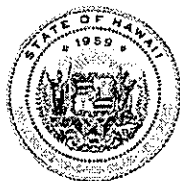
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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Thursday, April 7, 2011  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 603.**

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

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 603, regarding the appointment of Shari Goo-Yoshino to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Goo-Yoshino's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino has served on the Board as an interim appointee since October 18, 2010, and is being appointed as a speech pathologist member. She has been licensed since January 30, 1989, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Since her appointment as an interim member, the Board has had one meeting which she attended and actively participated in discussions. Ms. Goo-Yoshino holds a master's degree in speech pathology and is currently a speech pathologist at Tripler Army Medical Center. Prior to her current position, she was a speech pathology instructor and clinical supervisor at the University of Hawaii.

The Department believes that Ms. Goo-Yoshino's interest in serving on the Board, her work experience in a hospital setting and knowledge of the speech pathology curriculum is an asset to the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Shari Goo-Yoshino to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER  
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April 06, 2011

Department of Surgery  
Otolaryngology Service  
Speech Pathology Section

Date of Hearing: 07 April 2011

Subject: Nomination of Shari Goo-Yoshino for Appointment to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Thank you for the opportunity to support Ms. Shari Goo-Yoshino's nomination to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I have known her for more than 25 years as her instructor and clinical supervisor at the University of Hawaii from 1985 to 1987, her professional colleague, and her supervisor in the Speech Pathology Section at Tripler Army Medical Center from 1994 to present.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino's career has been marked by distinction in clinical service provision, supervision, and education. She promotes excellence in all of her endeavors. She is an outstanding clinician with superb knowledge and skills, impeccable character, and sound judgment. She epitomizes professionalism, objectivity, dedication, commitment, and compassion in her work and interactions with patients and colleagues. Her personal and professional integrity are above reproach.

As a student at the University of Hawaii, Ms. Goo-Yoshino was selected as the graduate assistant from among all students in the Speech Pathology and Audiology program. She was exceptional in fulfilling her responsibility of serving as student liaison in faculty meetings and advocating on behalf of her peers. As a professional she has been elected and appointed to leadership positions in the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She is admired and respected for her effectiveness in accomplishing organizational objectives and inspiring colleagues to collaborate and participate. As a clinician she is brilliant, thorough, methodical and accurate in problem-

solving to diagnose and remediate communication and swallowing disorders. She advocates for evidence-based practice and is diligent in researching innovations to ensure state-of-the art care. Physicians and allied professionals in healthcare and educational settings seek her advice on complex cases. As evidence of her distinction within our professional community, she has been appointed for multiple terms on the peer review panel for the State of Hawaii Regulated Industries Complaint Office.

It is an honor and privilege to support Shari Goo-Yoshino's nomination for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I respectfully request the Committee's favorable consideration. I am confident that her contributions will be invaluable and always in the best interest of serving and protecting individuals with communication and swallowing disorders in our state.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## baker1 - Karen

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**From:** Dorothy Craven [tookie@pixi.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 02, 2011 11:44 AM  
**To:** baker1 - Karen  
**Subject:** Testimony of support for SPA Board Candidate

Aloha Sen. Baker:

I am writing in strong support of Shari Goo-Yoshino who is a nominee for appointment to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Board . You have an excellent nominee!

Ms Goo-Yoshino whom I have known since she was my student at the University of Hawaii more than 25 years ago, has superior qualifications for this position . She is a certified, licensed Speech Language Pathologist(SLP) who has continued to learn and acquire expertise in her profession. Her career has provided many opportunities to learn from experience including working with children and their teachers and parents in the public schools; teaching and supervising University Students preparing for a career in Speech Pathology and Audiology ; and in her present senior position at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) where she works in the rehabilitation of both active duty and veteran adult patients. As a specialist in medical Speech Language Pathology her patients include persons who have suffered Traumatic Brain Injury, Strokes, and other neurological diseases. Her skills and knowledge are a valued resource in the Community.

In addition to her professional expertise , Ms Goo-Yoshino will bring to this Board demonstrated leadership skills , informed knowledge of scope of practice expected for licensed SLPs and sensitivity to the expectations of the Citizens to be served. Ms Goo- Yoshino will also bring many desirable personal traits to this position including personal integrity, high professional ethical standards , a sense of humor, and extensive experience in working with associates in a cooperative, congenial and positive manner.

THANK YOU for allowing me to comment on this superb candidate!

Dorothy D. Craven

Citizen

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Associate Professor SPA (Retired)  
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From: Shari Goo-Yoshino  
Measure: GM603  
Date of Hearing: April 07, 2011  
Time of Hearing: 900 am.

April 06, 2011

To the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

I am writing to express my desire to serve on the Speech Pathology and Audiology State licensure board. I believe my role and responsibility, as a board member would be to interpret and apply licensure requirements to applications and scope of practice and best practice patterns to issues related to Speech Pathology and Audiology.

I have been working in the field of speech pathology for over 20 years in Hawaii. On a daily basis, I participate in activities that require knowledge and application of evidence-based practice to develop clinical guidelines at departmental, hospital, and national levels; provide direct care; and train speech-language pathologists and residents. Through my communication with other speech pathologists in various settings, I have become aware of practice patterns and professional issues in the Hawaii. My recent return to teaching at the University of Hawaii has been a mechanism for me to assist students in educational preparation and reinforce professional responsibility as they enter the fields. Serving on the board would be another means to uphold high standards of speech pathology and audiology professions through administering and regulating licensure.

While I am serving on the board as a professional, I am also a consumer of Speech Pathology services through my son who has multiple challenges and special needs. I rely on his speech pathologist's and audiologist's skill and judgment to maximize his ability to communicate, swallow, learn, work, and live independently. As a speech pathologist, I work with patients who are medically fragile or at risk for losing their lively hood because of swallowing or cognitive-communication problems. The knowledge that our work can help as well as potentially hinder the health and quality of life of another serves as a driving force to ensure consumers receive highest quality of care from a Speech Pathologist and Audiologist. I anticipate that my administrative, clinical, and academic experiences will serve as a sound foundation for leadership, collaboration, and decision making on the board.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shari Goo-Yoshino

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