

GM 606

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

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 606.

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. 606, regarding the **reappointment** of Joseph Sniezek, M.D. to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Sniezek's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Sniezek is being reappointed as the public member who is licensed to practice medicine and holds a certificate of qualification from the American Board of Otorhinolaryngology, as required by statute. Dr. Sniezek has been licensed to practice medicine in Hawaii since February 4, 2002, and his license is current, active, and in

good standing. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2008, and has attended 4 of 8 meetings¹. Dr. Sniezek is exceptional at analyzing issues and possesses creative problem solving skills. He works well with the members and his recommendations are fair to licensees and protect consumer's interests. We believe that Dr. Sniezek's medical expertise and interest in serving on the Board will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Joseph Sniezek, M.D. to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ Dr. Sniezek was deployed to the Middle East from July 2009 through February 2010.