

GM685

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, GEOFFREY REYNOLDS, for a term to expire 6-30-2014. (Term amended to 6-30-2015 by GM780)

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 685

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 685, regarding the appointment of Geoffrey Reynolds to the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Reynolds' appointment and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I have spoken with Dr. Reynolds regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with him, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experiences to serve on the Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Dr. Reynolds is a second-generation licensed optometrist who has been in private practice for more than thirteen years. Along with his father, Dr. Ronald Reynolds, who has practiced optometry for more than 35 years, Dr. Reynolds is devoted to continuing the legacy and tradition of providing the finest in primary eye care for their patients and the community at large.

Dr. Reynolds attended the Iolani School and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern California College of Optometry and certification from the National Board of Examiners in 1998. Along with his private practice, Dr. Reynolds was employed as a credentialed panel doctor for the Laser Eye Center of Hawaii and Adjunct Clinical Professor for the Pacific University College of Optometry. He continues to serve as a Fellow of The American Academy of Optometry and a medical staff vision consultant for the University of Hawaii Athletics division.

Dr. Reynolds is actively involved in his profession, serving as the State Convention Chairperson of the Hawaii Optometric Association since 2001 and as the former Vice President and Oahu Director of the Hawaii Optometric Association Board. He is the recipient of numerous awards for excellence, including the Nick Meneakis Award for Pharmacology & Disease, Cal-State Fullerton Outstanding Clinician Award, and the Hawaii Optometric Association's Young O.D. of the Year in 2003.

Considering his experience, illustrious accomplishments, and passionate commitment to public and community service, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Reynolds will prove to be a valuable asset to the State through his

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service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Reynolds' appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

April 12, 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 685 the nomination of Dr. Geoffrey Reynolds 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. Geoffrey Reynolds to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Reynolds is a community minded person who has the best interest of the people in the State of Hawaii as his highest priority. Along with his father, Dr. Ronald Reynolds, he assists the University of Hawaii Athletes with eyecare. A past member of the board of the Hawaii Optometric Association, he fully understands the democratic policies of collaboration and compromise. Dr. Reynolds has been a doctor of Optometry in Hawaii since 1999 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. Geoffrey Reynolds to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota
Executive Director
Hawaii Optometric Association

Hawaii State Board of Examiners in Optometry

Written Statement/Testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you very much for considering my application for the Hawaii State Board of Examiners in Optometry. The Board of Examiners is a unique position because it looks out for the welfare of the Optometrists in the State as well as the general public who rely and place their trust in our profession. It is for this reason that I want to serve on the board. It is a fantastic way to contribute to my profession and also help the community.

The Board of Optometry is instrumental for our profession because it oversees the licensing process for our profession and also reviews cases in which the public's well being may be put at risk. It functions as an independent body to help make sure that the laws that define our scope of practice are followed and that the optometrists in this state deliver health care in an efficient and ethical manner.

My clinical education has provided me with the background necessary to practice optometry to the full scope of our current state laws. This combined with 13 years of private practice, primary eye care has given me the perspective needed to be a member of the Board of Examiners.

My clinical training was done at the Southern California College of Optometry. It is an optometry school with a national reputation for being one of the finest clinic based schools in the country. My training while in school consisted of clinical rotations which included work in a state of the art surgery center in Omaha, Nebraska and the Indian Public Health hospital in Winslow, Arizona. My clinical training gave me an excellent background in diagnosing and managing a wide range of ocular conditions including glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and infectious ocular disease.

In 2004 I received my fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry. It is a distinction that only a small percentage of optometrists earn by authoring clinical cases as well as going through an interview before a panel of Academy members. Optometrists who become fellows prove they have the knowledge base and motivation needed to practice at the highest levels.

After graduation in 1998 I entered into private practice in Mililani. My dad has been in practice for over 35 years and I hope to continue on the tradition and legacy of providing the finest primary eye care. The 13 years of private practice has enabled me to interact with the general public and understand what their needs and concerns are. Our mission is to take care of people to the best of our abilities and we feel everything else will take care of itself. It is this compassionate delivery of healthcare that gives me a perspective that would be beneficial to the Board of examiners in Optometry.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this process. I consider it a privilege and an honor to have the opportunity to serve my profession and my state. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or need clarification on any part of my application.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey E. Reynolds, O.D., F.A.A.O.