

GM512

LISA CHUN FAT

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA CHUN FAT, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Psychology

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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Thursday, March 15, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 512.

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

My name is Ahlani Quiogue and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Psychology, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 512, regarding the appointment of Lisa Chun Fat to the Board of Psychology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Chun Fat's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Chun Fat has served on the Board as an interim appointee since August 22, 2011, and is being appointed as a public member. Ms. Chun Fat has attended 3 out of 5 meetings.

Ms. Chun Fat's extensive experience as a legal assistant with Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina & Fairbanks has enabled her to quickly understand the purpose of the Board and her role as a public member. She is a reliable member and has excellent

attendance at Board meetings. She comes to meetings well prepared, having read and reviewed all materials and documents provided to Board members prior to meetings. As a result, she contributes greatly to discussions ranging from scope matters to applicants' qualifications for licensure. By bringing her own knowledge, background and expertise to discussions, she offers a unique perspective to the Board. Her desire to continue to serve as a public member is commendable.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Lisa Chun Fat to the Board of Psychology and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 14, 2012

Senator Rosalyn Baker
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 512, Ms. Lisa Chun Fat's Nomination to Board of Psychology (public member)

Dear Honorable Rosalyn Baker:

I strongly support Lisa Chun Fat's nomination as public member on the Board of Psychology.


I am a former two term public member on the Board of Psychology (2003-2011). In addition, I am a registered nurse, attorney with the litigation firm of Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina & Fairbanks, and a CASA Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem in Hawaii's Family Court (representing abused and neglected children on a pro-bono basis for more than ten years).

I have had the pleasure and honor of working with Lisa for the past nine years at Cronin, Fried, where Lisa works as a paralegal/assistant on our probate matters. In her position, she has frequent client contact and I have been overwhelmingly grateful to Lisa for the empathy, professionalism, patience and kindness that she shows our injured clients and their families. Not only is she extremely competent and smart, her pleasant nature and sensitive demeanor is instrumental in assuring that our clients are cared for consistent with my values and our firm's values of dignity and respect for those that we serve. Lisa is widely respected and valued in our firm.

Furthermore, Lisa is very committed to serving others and to the community. For example, every year, during breast cancer awareness month, she organizes and hosts a fundraising event entitled "A Cup of Hope," which not only serves to raise funds for breast cancer, but also serves to educate women in our community about breast cancer. Lisa clearly cares about other people, and I know she will be a tireless advocate as a public member on the Board of Psychology.

I believe that Lisa will be a great asset to the Board of Psychology and I overwhelmingly support her nomination.

Sincerely,



Laura E. Ozak, R.N., J.D.

TESTIMONY
OF
LISA CHUN FAT
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

G.M. 512

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Membership of the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA CHUN FAT, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Chairperson Baker, Vice Chairperson Taniguchi and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

My name is Lisa Chun Fat and I am testifying in support of my appointment to the Board of Psychology. I am currently serving on the Board of Psychology and have been appointed as an interim member in September of 2011. As a member of the board, I have had the privilege to address issues concerning eligibility for licensure examination and renewal of licensure to practice in the State of Hawaii. Although my time on the Board has been limited, I truly find the participation valuable. Through my involvement with the Board of Psychology, I am humbled to

have the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of people of Hawaii and hope to be able to continue to provide quality, reliable and timely service to the public.

I believe in community service and I have served in various organizations, such as the Girl Scout Council of Hawaii, where I was a Girl Scout Troop Leader 15 years. I have also served on the Parent Teacher Guild Board of Directors at Maryknoll Schools for six years and many Hawaii Army National Guard Yellow Ribbon and Youth Leadership Conference events for the past three years. Currently I work with the Windward YMCA in developing a Youth Leadership Program and involved with the Youth in Legislature program through the YMCA program.

I am a student at Chaminade University of Honolulu, enrolled in the Masters of Science in Mental Health Counseling program, a degree that I will complete in May, 2012. In addition to my classes, I am completing a 9-month practicum/internship at a mental health agency in Kailua and Leeward Community College. I am also a full-time legal secretary employed with a personal injury law firm in Honolulu for the past 23 years.

If given the honor to continue as a member of the Board of Psychology, I am confident that I will be able to contribute to the work of the Board in a manner that meets the vision and goals of the Board of Psychology.

I would like to thank Governor Abercrombie for the honor and privilege to continue my service on the Board of Psychology. I would also like to thank you for the time you have given me to testify today and humbly ask for your support of my appointment.