

# GM774

# MARK CHUN

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

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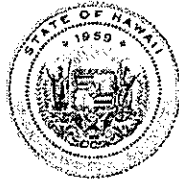
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3/9/2012	S	Received.
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3/19/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-03-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 774**  
**MARK CHUN**

**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 in support of Governor's Message No. 774 regarding the appointment of Mark Chun to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") as an Oahu dentist member. The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this appointment to the Board.

Mark C. Chun, DMD, Colonel U.S. Army (retired) is a licensed dentist in good standing and has been affiliated with K.B. Chun and Sons, Dental Office since August 1982. Dr. Chun is a member of the American Dental Association, Hawaii Dental Association (past volunteer on continuing education and insurance committees), past president of the Hawaii Academy of General Dentistry, member of the Honolulu County Dental Society, the past president of the Dr. Richard V. Tucker Study Club of Hawaii, and the Dr. Terry Tanaka Prosthetic Study Club of Hawaii.

Through his work with various professional organizations, Dr. Chun has developed a strong interest in upholding the high standards of the profession and in ensuring that dental professionals provide excellent treatment of Hawaii's citizens.

Dr. Chun also has a strong background in community service, having served as a past president of the American Cancer Society, a past president of the Nuuanu YMCA Board of Managers, and a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross. He has volunteered as a YMCA Masters Swimming Coach for the past 28 consecutive years and is the founder of the YMCA Annual Thanksgiving 2000 m Ocean Swim Fundraiser.

Dr. Chun's experience on numerous boards provides him with a solid foundation for serving as a strong member of the dental board.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Chun will prove to be an asset to the State and to this Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

GM 774

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

By

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 229

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the 970 members of the Hawaii Dental Association, I support the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Mark C. Chun, DMD to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Chun has an impressive educational background, having graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Life Sciences followed by an M.S. degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and an DMD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He also holds numerous certificates through the American Red Cross, culminating in the achievement of the certificate of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Dr. Chun served in both the U.S. Air Force as well as the U.S. Army. He has deployed numerous times and culminated his military career after retiring with the rank of colonel, U.S. Army.

Membership in various professional organizations imminently qualifies Dr. Chun to serve on the Board of Dental Examiners. He has been a member of the honorary society of the Academy of Dentistry Internationale as well as a member of the Academy of Gold Foil Operators and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He has served as president of

the Hawaii Academy of General Dentistry, the Richard V. Tucker Study Club of Hawaii and the Dr. Terry Tanaka Prosthetic Study Club of Hawaii.

I cannot think of anyone more qualified to serve as a member of the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Chun has the unqualified support of the Hawaii Dental Association. Please confirm the appointment of Dr. Mark C. Chun to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Sincerely,

Neil C. Nunokawa, D.D.S.  
President, Hawaii Dental Association

## TESTIMONIAL FOR DR. MARK CHUN

*My name is Ted T. Kanamori and I've been practicing general dentistry in Maui for 33 years. Right after dental school I did a general practice residency program at St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu then worked as an associate at several offices in Honolulu. During this time I met Mark Chun's father who was a well-respected dentist in the community and a highly regarded member of the Hawaii Dental Association.*

*My friendship with Mark began in 1999 when we became charter members of a newly formed Academy of Richard V. Tucker Study Clubs, an international group now in Hawaii. The Academy emphasizes hands-on clinical excellence development in the art of cast gold restorations and meets eight times a year. Both of us also belong to the Dr. Terry Tanaka study group that emphasizes continuing education on the masticatory system and its relation with the whole body. This study club has been in existence for 11 years in Hawaii and we are fortunate that Dr. Tanaka, who is reputed as the world's best anatomist, has graciously sacrificed his time away from home in San Diego to meet with us several times a year.*

*I respect Mark for sharing similar core values – the most important being our commitment to continuing education so we can help our patients with the most current science and clinical excellence. Also, having served in the Army in Vietnam with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1967 to 1968, I respect Mark for his allegiance to our country as he has done multiple tours in conflict countries in the Middle East providing dental care for our soldiers.*

*I am positive that he would be an excellent member of our Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. He is more than qualified to determine the best possible candidates to provide high quality dental care for the people in Hawaii.*

*Sincerely,*

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*CV: Fellow of Academy of General Dentistry, Fellow of American College of Dentists, Fellow of Academy of Dentists International, Fellow of International Congress of Oral Implantology, Secretary of the Academy of RVTucker Study Clubs, Mentor for the Kois Center in Seattle, Member of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, Member and Mentor of Terry Tanaka Prosthetic Study Club of Hawaii, Mentor for University of Missouri at Kansas City Tucker study club, Resident Dentist for Kula Hospital, Member of American Dental Association, Hawaii Dental Association, and Maui County Dental Association.*