

GM778

JERE LOO

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, JERE LOO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Examiners in Optometry

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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 2010

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 778.

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

My name is Sandra Matsushima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 778, regarding the appointment of Jere Loo, O.D., to the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Loo's appointment to the Board.

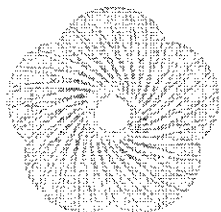
Dr. Loo has been licensed as an Optometrist since August 1987, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

He has previously served on the Board as an industry member from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2011, and also served as the Chairperson. During his tenure, he provided leadership to the Board and devoted his experience and knowledge to assist the Board

in amending its administrative rules and keeping the Board on track with optometry issues both locally and nationally.

In addition, we believe that Dr. Loo's interest in serving on the Board, years of experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Jere Loo, O.D., to the Board of Examiners in Optometry and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



HAWAII OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

March 29, 2012

Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker

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

On Behalf of the Hawaii Optometric Association, I am writing in support of the appointment of Doctor Jere Loo to the Board of Examiners of Optometry.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick Abe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

Derrick Abe, O. D.
Hawaii Optometric Association President

Chairman Baker and members of the committee,

My name is Ernest Oshiro. I am an optometrist in Honolulu, former member and chair of the Board of Examiners in Optometry, and former president of the Hawaii Optometric Association. I enthusiastically support Dr. Jere Loo's appointment to the Board. He has been an outstanding member and chairman in the past and will undoubtedly be a strong and valuable member for another eight years.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ernest K. Oshiro

Optometrist

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker;

It was a pleasure to have spoken with you the other week and I would like to reconfirm my commitment and willingness to be on the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

I was previously on the Board of Examiners, my last term ended 6/30/11, so I am aware of the role and responsibilities of the board.

As a second generation Optometrist, having a private practice on Kauai for over 24 years, I feel I can represent the outer island Optometrist's.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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