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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Friday, March 1, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 507.**

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

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 507, regarding the appointment of Rodney Ching, Esq. to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Ching's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Ching has been serving on the Board as an interim member and is being appointed as a public member. Since his interim appointment, there have been two meetings, both of which he attended.

Mr. Ching has been a practicing attorney for about thirty years. He is currently in private practice and has practiced as an attorney for the State and City & County of Honolulu. He has also served as a per diem Family Court Judge. With his legal experience, and his willingness to serve the public and contribute to the community, Mr. Ching is expected to be an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Ching to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 4, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
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Re: G.M. 507, Board of Dental Examiners nomination

Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you for your e-mail dated January 31, 2013. I respectfully submit the following information in response to the seven (7) questions you posed.

(1) I wish to be a public member of the Board of Dental Examiners for several reasons. My first job after graduating from law school was at the DCCA/RICO as an investigator/staff attorney handling disciplinary actions against various licensees, dentists included. At that time, I always wondered what it would be like to be a member of a Board or Commission. Sort of like being a lawyer and wondering what it would be like to sit on a jury. When the opportunity to serve on the Board of Dental Examiners arose, I decided to apply. Fortunately, I was nominated by Governor Abercrombie. From a personal standpoint, as I get closer to retirement, I want to continue doing some volunteer work to keep me busy but not overworked. The Board of Dental Examiners with its every-other-month meeting schedule and occasional (1-2 times per year) travel seems to fit that bill.

(2) As a Public Member of the Board of Dental Examiners, I perceive my role and responsibilities as representing the general public. That is, I will offer my input and make decisions from the standpoint of what is in the best interests of the dental consumer/public.

(3) I believe that I am qualified for the position based on my education, training and experience. I graduated from St. Louis H.S. in 1970. I graduated from U.H. Manoa in 1974 with a B.A. in Economics. I was a licensed commercial truck driver for about five (5) years. I went back to school in 1979 and graduated from William S. Richardson School of Law in 1982 with a J.D. I started my legal career at DCCA/RICO handling disciplinary actions against various licensees. During my two (2) years with DCCA/RICO I became generally familiar with the Department and its Divisions, Boards and Commissions. I have been in private practice since 1987. I was also a per diem Family Court Judge from 1993 to 1999. Since 2001, I have chaired numerous Medical Claim Conciliation Panels. I am also a mediator and arbitrator in various cases.

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(4) I hope to be a voice for the dental consumer/public on the Board of Dental Examiners. As a voting member, I hope to make decisions that serve the best interests of the dental consumer/public. I will encourage the Board to be responsive to the needs of the dental consumer/public.

(5) Three (3) qualities that will benefit the Board:

**Fairness:** My legal/judicial background will benefit the Board by encouraging members to look at all sides of an issue, weigh the evidence/argument carefully and make decisions based on facts, not speculation, within the parameters of the law and in the best interests of the public.

**Civility:** I will promote civility within the Board. I believe that everyone should be treated equally and with civility. Board members should work together in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect towards accomplishing the goals of the Board.

**Decisiveness:** Once the Board has carefully considered an issue, I will encourage the Board to make a timely decision and stick to it. I will support the Board's decision even if I was in the minority.

(6) As a per diem Family Court Judge, we were instructed/trained to look at custody matters in divorce cases from the perspective of: What would be in the best interests of the children? I feel confident that I can adapt that training to: What would be in the best interests of the dental consumer/public, children included?

(7) I do not foresee any conflicts of interests that could arise during my service on the Board. If there was one, I would disclose that I had a potential conflict (without describing the specific nature of the conflict so as not to influence any other member's opinion on the issue) and recuse myself from any discussions/vote on the issue.

Thank you for considering my nomination and for the opportunity to provide this letter. If you have any questions regarding this letter or require any further information, please feel free to contact me at 521-1141.

Sincerely,

  
Rodney K.F. Ching

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