

Board of Dental Examiners

Effective Date: 8/13/2012 (Reappointment)

Expiration Date: 6/30/2017

Representing: Dentist

Department: DCCA

Term Limit: N/A

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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NOS. 508 and 509.

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 Nos. 508 and 509, regarding the appointment and reappointment of Staphe Fujimoto, D.D.S., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Fujimoto's appointment to the Board to fill a vacancy until June 30, 2013, and reappointment until June 30, 2017.

Dr. Fujimoto has been serving on the Board as an interim member and is being appointed as a Dental member. Since his interim appointment, there have been three meetings, all of which he attended.

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Dr. Fujimoto has been licensed as a Dentist since September 10, 1985, and his license is current, active and in good standing. His experience as a Dentist for about twenty-seven years will enable him to actively participate in the meetings.

Dr. Fujimoto's vast experience as a Dentist, his interest in serving on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community will be an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Stapher Fujimoto to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 20, 2013

Governor Neil Abercrombie
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Governor Abercrombie,

I'm writing on behalf of the Hawaii Dental Association Board of Trustees and the 970 members of the Hawaii Dental Association and wish to recommend the confirmation of Staph Fujimoto, DDS, to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Fujimoto has had a dental practice in Mililani since 1985 and is a member in good standing of the American Dental Association, the Hawaii Dental Association, and the Honolulu County Dental Society. He has volunteered on committees and served as both a Trustee and Secretary of the Hawaii Dental Association Board of Trustees.

He is active in the community and has long been a member of the Mililani Sunrise Rotary Club. He has enjoyed coaching youth baseball in the Cal Ripken Leagues as well.

Dr. Fujimoto is passionate about dentistry and will do well serving on the Board that oversees dentistry in our state. The Hawaii Dental Association gives its utmost support for his confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curt S. Shimizu'.

Curt S. Shimizu, DDS
President

STATEMENT OF STAPHE FUJIMOTO

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Dental Examiners?

I want to take an active and responsible role in protecting the public's health by enforcing the standards of Dental Care in Hawaii.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Dental Examiners?

I believe an important role is to ensure that those applying for licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist have acceptable education and training to safely practice in the State of Hawaii.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

I have been a practicing dentist in Mililani since 1988 and have always practiced with the belief that you treat your patients as you would a family member. I believe that each practitioner should always strive to provide service above the standard of care and we need to seek and identify those that fall below the accepted standard of our profession.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to be a proactive member of the board and serve to the best of my abilities.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

I will bring commitment, honesty and high personal character to the board.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

I have already attended and participated in the last 2 board meetings and understand the licensure process as well as identifying and discussing the questions and concerns that are submitted to the board.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not see any conflict of interest at this time and any decision or imput that I have as a board member will be in the best interest of the health of the public.