

## **Board of Examiners in Optometry**

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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. 510.**

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 ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 510, regarding the appointment of Peter J. Shoji, O.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Shoji's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Shoji has been licensed as an Optometrist since March 1985, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Dr. Shoji has served as an interim member on the Board from August 2012 to present.

Dr. Shoji is committed to keeping the local industry informed with current trends in the practice of optometry. In addition, by sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed optometrist in active practice, Dr. Shoji

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contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions.

The Board supports the appointment of Dr. Shoji and thanks you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

March 1, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 510 the nomination of Dr. Peter Shoji to the Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Hawaii Optometric Association it is my pleasure to submit testimony in favor of the confirmation of Dr. Peter Shoji to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Shoji is a community minded person who has the best interest of the people in the State of Hawaii as his highest priority. A past member of the board of the American Optometric Association, he fully understands the democratic policies of collaboration and compromise. The experience of serving on the National Board of Directors has kept Dr. Shoji abreast of important updates in the treatment of eye diseases. Dr. Shoji has been a doctor of Optometry in Hawaii since 1985 and is highly qualified to make fair and intelligent decisions on the practice and treatment of diseases of the eye.

Again thank you, for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of the appointment of Dr. Peter Shoji to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Optometric Association

February 17, 2013

Information of Peter J Shoji for

Board of Examiners in Optometry

I wish to become a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry so that I may participate in the process of the rules and regulations of my profession and to protect the eye safety of our patients.

I perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Examiners is to protect, develop and uphold the integrity of my legislated profession.

I have been practicing Optometry in Hawaii for the past 27 years and have seen my profession evolve through many legislative changes. I have participated in the Hawaii Optometric Association Executive Board for many years as Chairperson of the Legislative and Third Party Insurance Committees.

During the term of my service, I hope to see that the Optometry Profession, through clarification of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, is allowed its full scope of practice as legislated in the Hawaii Revised Statutes that we diligently fought for many years.

I consider myself to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful and compassionate. These qualities help maintain the integrity of the Board by protecting the consumer as well as the profession itself. It will help to focus on the clarification of the Hawaii Administrative Rules for the Optometry Profession as well.

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during my term(s) of service on the Board. To protect the integrity of the Board, if any conflicts arise I will immediately address and correct the situation or remove myself from the Board.