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# **Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology**

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Department: DCCA

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## **Goo-Yoshino, Shari**

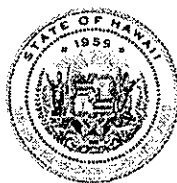
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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 606.**

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

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 606, regarding the **reappointment** of Shari Goo-Yoshino to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Goo-Yoshino's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino is being reappointed as a speech pathologist member. She has been licensed since January 30, 1989, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She has served on the Board since October 18, 2010, and is currently the Board's Vice Chairperson. Ms. Goo-Yoshino is a conscientious member of the

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Board and has attended 7 of 7 meetings. She is always prepared for meetings; she reads and reviews the materials provided to the Board members prior to the meetings, as well as contributes additional information to assist the Board. Ms. Goo-Yoshino's administrative, clinical and teaching experience in the field of speech pathology enables her to objectively evaluate issues that face the Board. Her recommendations and decisions are well thought out, fair to licensees and protect consumers.

The Department supports the confirmation of Shari Goo-Yoshino to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

08 February 2013

To the respected Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

I am writing to express my desire to continue my service to the Speech Pathology and Audiology State Licensure Board.

1.&2. Serving on the board allows me to represent my peers in upholding high standards of speech pathology and audiology professions through administration and regulation of licensure.

3. I have been working in the field of speech pathology for over 20 years in Hawaii. On a daily basis, I participate in activities that require current knowledge and application of evidence-based practice to develop clinical guidelines at departmental, hospital, and national levels; provide direct care; and train residents. Through my communication with other speech-language pathologists in various settings, I am aware of practice patterns and professional issues in Hawaii as well as abroad.

4. I hope to uphold and apply high standards to Speech Pathology and Audiology licensure, practice patterns and professional issues.

5.&6. Three personal qualities that I believe will be beneficial as a Board member include 1.) Advocate for patients as a professional in and consumer of Speech Pathology. 2.) Lifelong learner to apply current and best evidence to support practice. 3.) Objective to gather information, discuss issues, and make committee decisions.

While I am serving on the board as a professional, I am also a consumer of Speech Pathology services through my son who has multiple challenges and special needs. I continue to rely on his speech-language pathologist's and audiologist's skill and judgment to optimize his ability to communicate, swallow, learn, work, and live independently. As a speech-language pathologist, I work with patients and their caregivers who are recovering or coping with conditions that are acute or progressive. The knowledge that my work can help as well as hinder the health and life of another serves as a driving force for me to be a competent provider through current and best practices.

7. I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during my service on the Board. If any however, I would find and follow the chain of command to disclose and resolve possible conflicts to support ethical and fair actions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shari Goo-Yoshino