

GM 613

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOY SHIMABUKU, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

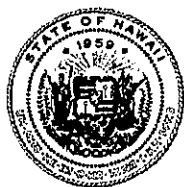
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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE
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FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 613

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 613, regarding the appointment of Joy Shimabuku to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Shimabuku's appointment to the Board as a public member for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Ms. Shimabuku understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board including the review and examination of new licensees, receiving and investigating complaints, interpreting and enforcing the applicable statutory laws and administrative rules, and the overall consumer protection the Board affords to the community. Ms.

Shimabuku brings experience to the Board having served as an industry member on the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology and currently serves as a public member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Ms. Shimabuku understands that the appointment to the Board comes with the responsibility to attend and participate. Ms. Shimabuku is committed to attending the Board's scheduled meetings. Ms. Shimabuku feels that as a personal matter, serving on the Board is a meaningful way to give back to the community.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Shimabuku to the Board of Dental Examiners.

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To: Chair Rosalyn Baker

Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Bob Ogawa

Re: GM 612 - Nomination of Ms. Joy Shimabuku to the Board of Dental Examiners

I would like to convey my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Ms. Joy Shimabuku to the Board of Dental Examiners.

I have known Joy for more years than she would care for me to enumerate. So, let me simply say that she has a longstanding reputation as a dedicated and involved citizen of our community, a hardworking and successful businesswoman, and an insightful and no-nonsense individual with much to contribute in a variety of arenas.

Joy served multiple terms on the Board of Cosmetology as a professional member and most recently, as a public member of the Board of Optometry. Now, she is has been asked to fill this position. The fact that this has spanned not just many years, but different administrations, is proof of the high regard in which she is held and the level at which she has always fulfilled her civic duties.

As such, I would ask that this committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Joy Shimabuku to the Board of Dental Examiners. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

March 27, 2014

Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to assist the Hawaii State Senate with its confirmation process by gladly answering your questionnaire.

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Dental Examiners? First and foremost my service time, as you know with the Board of Examiners in Optometry, has sadly come to expire. Being that my continued interest is in serving the public in protecting the health and safety of our consumers. I am willing and would like to serve on the Board of Dental Examiners for I see a need for a public member to assist in a public way to ensure that the consumer is protected and to have a voice on the board from the consumer's prospective.
2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibility of a member of the Board? As a former licensed member of the Board of Barbers and Cosmetology, and as a public member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry, the role of a licensed and/or public member is to ensure that public health and safety comes first.
3. Given your understanding of the rules and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board. 1) I am qualified as a business owner, licensed cosmetologist, licensed real estate sales, and on the Board of the Kaimuki Professional Association, and a member of the Nakasone Dance Academy. I am also an instructor at the Paul Mitchell beauty school and volunteer at the Queens Hospital providing beauty services for cancer patients. 2) As both a past licensed and public board member, I am well versed in the rule amendments process and the statutes that govern those boards, and how they apply to the licensees.
4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? I hope to be informed on the situations that come to the board and participate on how to resolve the issue so that the public's safety is preserved.
5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the board. 1) Honesty, caring, and making fair decisions. 2) Always protecting the consumer (as a consumer, I will make sure that the practitioner understands the laws and regulations that govern the profession. 3) I enjoy volunteer work. Having served on several boards and associations, I have volunteered for many years and presently volunteer for the American Cancer Society. I teach my profession as a licensed cosmetologist to students at the Paul Mitchell beauty school, and knowledgeable of the current laws and rules of my profession.
6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a board member. While serving on the Board of Examiners in Optometry, I was able to review continuing education credits for re-licensure; knowing full capacity of the licensee's qualification for public safety.
7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest? Yes, if one of my personal licensed practitioner was a topic of a board matter for a violation or a board discussion. I would remove myself from the discussion and the decision making.

Respectfully submitted:

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*Attn: Brooke Jones - I will be out of town from March 29 – April 2, 2014 attending training.