

# GM 632

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUSSELL CHUNG, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Physical Therapy

Description:

Companion:

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Current Referral: CPN

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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2014

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014  
9:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 632

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. 632, regarding the appointment of Russell Chung to the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Chung's appointment to the Board as a consumer member for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Mr. Chung understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board including the review of the accreditation of industry educational programs in accordance with prescribed standards; review and approval of new licensees or the revocation and suspension of existing licensees for violations; receiving and investigating complaints;

interpreting, enforcing, and promulgating the applicable statutory laws and administrative rules. Mr. Chung brings experience to the Board having served as a member on the Department's Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board since 2006, and previously served on the Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, and Landscape Architect Board.

Mr. Chung understands that the appointment to the Board comes with the responsibility to attend and participate. He is committed and able to attend the Board's scheduled meetings. Mr. Chung feels that as a personal matter, serving on the Board is a meaningful way to give some time back to the community, and enjoys volunteering and learning about different industries.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Chung to the Board of Physical Therapy.

Dear Chairperson Baker and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

I am writing in support of Russell Chung's nomination to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Board of Physical Therapy.

I have known Russell for the past 5-10 years as a friend and in his professional capacity as an officer and Landscape Architect for PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc., a Hawaii corporation ("PBR"), specializing in Land Use Planning, Landscaping Architecture, Graphic Design, Environmental research and Permitting.

As a person, I consider Russell to be a very thoughtful and caring individual who has a deep sense of community as evidenced by his desire to volunteer his services and time to be a member of the Licensing Board of Physical Therapy. Russell has previously volunteered his time and services as a member of the Licensing Board for the Motor Vehicle Industry as well as being a member and Chairperson of the Hawaii Licensing Board for Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

As a professional, Russell has over 30 years of experience in landscape architecture in California and Hawaii as well as in the field of architecture. As the Executive Vice-President of PBR, with over 40 full time employees and professionals, Russell is responsible for business/client development and overseeing major landscaping projects for major hotels, condominiums and residential developments. Russell has an excellent reputation and is a well-respected professional in his field.

Even with his commitments at work and volunteering for governmental service, Russell makes it a point to spend time and taking vacation trips with his family. Russell also enjoys golfing and is a very talented artist.

Knowing his professional and personal background, I believe Russell will be a responsible and diligent member of the Vocational and Licensing Board of Physical Therapy. I ask for your support in appointing him to such Board.

Sincerely,

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April 10, 2014

Ms. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
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**SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. RUSSELL Y. J. CHUNG TO THE BOARD OF  
THE DCCA's PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

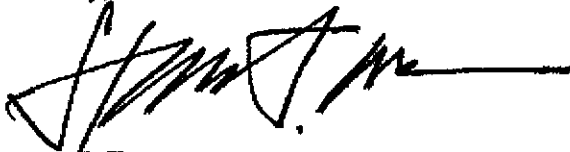
Dear Senator:

I am writing in support of Mr. Chung's nomination to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Board of Physical Therapy. I have known him both professionally and on a personal level for more than 30 years.

I have known him to be a person of high integrity and character. I say this based on the occasional golf we play. As they say, you can always get a peek into a person's character by the way he plays the game.

I know that he is fully capable of fulfilling the requirements of this position and hope that you and your committee members will vote in favor of his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven J. Teruya', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven J. Teruya  
President, Finance Factors Limited

cc: Russell Y. J. Chung

Russell Chung  
Boar of Physical Therapy

(1) **Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?**

I have been a member and public member on two other license boards for at least the past twelve years. Donating my time to the license board is just one venue of giving back to the community.

(2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**

Since I am not a physical therapist, I believe my role as a public member will be to evaluate issues discussed from a different perspective as well as to ask questions to the professional members of the board that a layperson (as well as myself) may have.

(3) **Given your understanding of the roles 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.**

I don't know much about the profession other than having gone through physical therapy myself. However, as I mentioned, I have been on the license board for a number of years both as a member and public member. I believe I understand the process and number one goal to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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

To get to meet new people and understand how other professionals operate in the business of providing services.

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

Fair – I believe in equal opportunity and do not look at things from only one view point. I think this is important when decisions are made for applicants.

Logical – I believe I have the ability to deduce reasonable and valid conclusions that could be useful in situations of reasoning or even argument.

Creative – Not just as a designer, but creative with thoughts and ideas that might suggest new or improved solutions.

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

As a past member of the Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects and past public member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, I have gone through and learned two entirely different methods of licensure consent. I think I can bring this experience to the table and help the team.

(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?**

I don't see any possible conflicts of interest unless a physical therapist that I happened to be going to (currently none) came across the board for whatever reason. If this did happen, I would recuse myself from any decisions or vote.