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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, GARRETT OTA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Board Of Dental Examiners

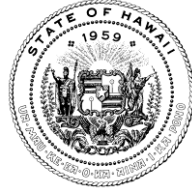
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COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO 751.

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 Dental Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 751, regarding the **reappointment** of Garrett Ota, D.D.S., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Ota's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Ota is being reappointed to the Board as a licensed dentist and a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. He has been licensed since September 26, 1994, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Ota is a reliable member and has attended 22 of 24 meetings. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrates that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agenda.

Furthermore, Dr. Ota serves as an examiner for dental licensure exams, which greatly assists with the process to determine whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry and attends regional examinations and meetings.

In addition, we believe that Dr. Ota's interest in serving on the Board, years of experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Garrett Ota, D.D.S., to the Board of Dental Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

April 7, 2016

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee on
Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

I am writing to you as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association regarding the
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We highly recommend that Dr. Garrett Ota be reappointed for another term. The
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actions and sound decisions while on the BODE, and feel that he has always
represented what was in the best interest of the patients of our 1,000 member
dentists.

Dr Ota has served very effectively and conscientiously during his past term and
would provide continuity for board decisions.

Please reappoint Dr. Ota to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. If you have any
questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate in contacting me (808) 256-
4000.

Sincerely,

Steve Wilhite DDS



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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April 12, 2016

Testimony of Rep. Clift Tsuji

Before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. State Capitol, Room 229

RE: GM751

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for Dr. Garrett Ota's nomination to the Board of Dental Examiners. With his extensive work history, I believe Dr. Ota is someone who will bring significant benefit to this Board.

I have known Garrett for over fifteen years. Dr. Ota graduated from Waiakea High School in Hilo with academic honors and went on to receive his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Southern California Dental School as Class Valedictorian.

At present, Dr. Ota has his own private general dentistry practice in Hilo. Prior, he was President of the Hawaii County Dental Society and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association House of Delegates. He also practiced dentistry at the Long Beach Veteran's Administration Hospital and was a General Dentistry Associate in Monterey Park, California.

Regarding professional affiliations, he is a member of the Hawaii County Dental Society, the Hawaii Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and the OKU Dental Honor Society.

With this appointment to the Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. Ota will focus on improving services for dentistry and making a difference in the State of Hawaii.

This individual has distinguished himself in his profession and community. The prospect of what he could further accomplish serving on the Board is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Dr. Ota's nomination.

Sincerely,

CLIFT TSUJI

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456-5005.

Sincerely,

Dayton Q.L. Lum, D.D.S.

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Submitted on: 4/7/2016

Testimony for CPH on Apr 13, 2016 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lili Horton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, I strongly support the reappointment of Dr. Garrett Ota for another term on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. His outstanding record speaks for itself. Sincerely, Dr. Lili Horton, Practicing Dentist in Hawaii since 1986

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wayne Leong	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please reappoint Dr. Garrett Ota to another term with the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. He has made well informed and conscientious decisions regarding issues involving the practice of dentistry in Hawaii, and his beliefs and opinions are in line with those of his fellow Big Island dentists.

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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I would like to continue to serve the Public on matters pertaining to their Dental health.

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

To develop rules for all members of the Dental team.

To protect the Public and ensure their Dental welfare.

To work productively and professionally with each member of the Board.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

It is important to work together with all members of the Board to develop policy that will be in the best interest of the Public.

- (4) 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 have been in private practice for 20 years as a General Practitioner. I have a diverse patient population and see both PPO and Managed Care patients. My youngest patient is 2 years old and oldest is more than 90 years old. As a result of this diversity, I have a good knowledge of the type of care many people in our state need. I value each of my patients as "family" and I keep this in mind when I am deciding matters that come up on our Dental Board.

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

To see our new Rules approved and placed into effect, and to modify the proposed Rules in the future as the need arises. To work effectively with the other Board members to accomplish this.

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

Honesty. I will speak out for the best interest of the Public on Board matters.

Perserverance. I will do my best to see that all issues are worked on and resolved.

Detail Oriented. My attention to detail will ensure that I consider all aspects of an issue before making a decision.

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

I have been the head coach for my son's youth baseball team for several years. This allowed me to learn to manage both players and their parents. This will help me in my interactions as a Board member as there will be many trials and tribulations that will arise.

- (8) 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 have been a member for 20 years of the Hawaii County Dental Society, Hawaii Dental Association, and American Dental Association. This may cause some conflicts if the HCDS, HDA, and/or ADA were to come out with a position on an issue that the Dental Board disagrees with. I will always keep Public Safety as the first and foremost priority. I have voted on Board matters with this in mind over the last four years on the Board. I hope I can continue to do so for another four years.