

GM 575

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of
Speech Pathology And Audiology, Gubernatorial Nominee, JULIE
YATOGO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Board Of Speech Pathology And Audiology

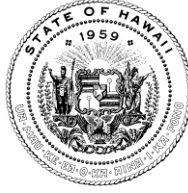
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9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 575.

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 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. 575, regarding the **appointment** of Julie N. Yatogo, M.S., CCC-SLP, to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Yatogo's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Yatogo has served on the Board as an interim appointee since October 6, 2016 and is being appointed as a speech pathologist licensee member. She has been licensed since January 29, 1985, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

With more than thirty years of experience, Ms. Yatogo brings to the Board her knowledge in the field of speech-language pathology. Ms. Yatogo's professional experience as a speech pathologist with the Easter Seals Hawaii (Kauai Center), the Department of Education, her volunteer experience with the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and her desire to contribute to the community are assets that she brings to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Julie N. Yatogo, M.S., CCC-SLP, to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Julie Yatogo: Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

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

I would like to be a member of this board because I believe it is in the best interest of the public that speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and audiologists (AUDs) be licensed to practice.

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

I believe that my role and responsibility as a member of the board will be to ensure that all individuals applying for their license meets the requirements, approve renewals, and determine appropriate disciplinary actions when appropriate.

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

I feel I can protect the consumer because I have 30+ years experience as a speech-language pathologist, I am familiar with the field of audiology, and I am also familiar with our Code of Ethics.

(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 believe I am qualified as a board member because I have served on the board of the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association for over 25 years in various positions, I have experience in working in many settings such as the DOE, Head Start, Zero to Three programs, hospital, outpatient, and home health, and I believe in the advocating for those we serve.

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

I hope to accomplish whatever is asked of me

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

The three qualities that best describe me are responsible, passionate, and honest. These qualities will benefit the board because I will be at every meeting on time, I will do the best job I can, and I will speak up.

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

I recently served as the President of the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association and I hope that that experience will help me.

- (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?**

A possible conflict of interest may be having to discipline an individual I am currently working with. I am prepared to uphold my responsibilities, and if I am unable to be unbiased, I will ask to be recused.