

GM 682

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUSSELL CHUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 682.

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

My name is Alan Taniguchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 682, regarding the **reappointment** of Russell Chung to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chung's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Chung has served on the Board since April 17, 2014, and has attended almost every meeting since his appointment. Mr. Chung has also shown the ability to evaluate the issues facing the Board objectively, balancing the interests of consumers and licensees. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of physical therapists in Hawaii. He represents the

public sector well and his desire to continue to serve as a public member is an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chung to the Board of Physical Therapy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Russell Chung: Board of Physical Therapy

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

I have been a member or public member of the License Board for the past 24 years. It might feel like missing some teeth if I didn't! Seriously, it's just a venue to give back to the community outside of my profession as well as meet and learn about other professionals.

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

Not meaning to sound arrogant, being that this is the same board (PT) I'm applying for and after serving on two others, I think I generally know what my role is. As a public member of the therapy board, I believe it's my responsibility to mind my place, offer advice/suggestions if needed and only intervene if I don't understand a topic as it may affect the consumer or public.

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

I try and help by interpreting the rules and laws, to help make them less complicated and ensure that there is no favoritism in decisions that will potentially "open another can of worms."

(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 a lot of skills, but I am a master of none. I believe I am qualified based on my 24 years of experience serving on the board at different capacities.

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

Nothing really. Just my duties as a member.

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

I think that I am fair and reasonable which is what drives my ability to use logic.

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

Hmm, other experience: I am the Executive Vice President of my company. I served at various capacities for the American Society of Landscape Architects

(ASLA) both locally and nationally from President to Trustee (representing Hawaii at ASLA National).

- (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?**

None, other than occasional work related issues conflicting with meetings.