

GM 756

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Gubernatorial Nominee, LORNA HU, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 756**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE **BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **LORNA HU**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 756, nominating Ms. Lorna Hu for membership on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

Ms. Hu is a highly experienced speech pathologist who was educated in this State and has practiced and maintained a license in good standing here for several years. In addition to Ms. Hu's professional work, she also gives back to the community and the

speech pathology industry through years of volunteerism, such as serving as a mentor and supervisor for the University of Hawaii-American Speech/Language Hearing Association's mentoring program and as an industry expert previously working with the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office as an adviser on potential disciplinary actions. Ms. Hu also has an interest in ensuring adequate protections and standards of care in active and related areas of the practice like the provision of autism services to youth patients. The Department believes that Ms. Hu's experience will be very useful in informing the Board's discussions when reviewing pending applications, potential disciplinary actions, policy changes through proposed legislation, administrative rules, and various other matters that will be brought before the Board.

Ms. Hu is also aware of the various requirements of serving on the Board – including regularly attending meetings and taking the time to fully review meeting materials to prepare for discussions – and she continues to be committed to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Lorna Hu for membership on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I am available to answer any questions the Committee may have.

April 4, 2017

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania St.
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Re: Nomination of Lorna K. Hu, MS, CCC-SLP to the Board of Speech Pathology and
Audiology (#756)

Dear Senator Baker:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Lorna K. Hu, MS, CCC-SLP. She has been nominated to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I had the privilege of working with Mrs. Hu from 2009 to 2016 as her colleague and later, her section chief in Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Mrs. Hu is an outstanding speech and language pathologist. She is responsible for the speech and language needs of all military dependent children below the age of 3 years old in Hawaii. This is an incredibly demanding clinical load, and she has performed with grace and aplomb due to her love for her patients and her profession.

Throughout her 30+ year career, she has been committed to improving her own skills as well as her organization's abilities to care for her patients. She has founded numerous multidisciplinary programs at Tripler and currently heads the Exceptional Family Member Program speech and language pathology program and the multidisciplinary Pediatric Feeding Team.

Mrs. Hu is dedicated to the education of young professionals. In addition to teaching the pediatric residents at Tripler, she sponsors students from mainland graduate schools to complete internships with her every year. She recruits local high school students to volunteer in her clinic and teaches them about speech and language pathology. In a state where there is a shortage of speech-language pathologists, her efforts are having a positive impact.

Mrs. Hu has a history of experience on state boards, having served for many years on the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) board for her profession. She has excellent ethical composure, which I believe stems from her strong faith background. She stands up for what is right even when this is not always the easy route.

I strongly support Mrs. Hu's nomination to this board as an outstanding clinician, educator, and administrator. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 397-0559 or michael.ching@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

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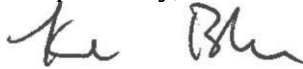
April 8th, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

It is a great honor to write a letter of support for Lorna Hu (#756- Lorna K. Hu) to serve on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I have known Lorna approximately 20 years, first when I was a faculty member at the University of Hawaii—Manoa, and more recently as the faculty liaison for students from my university that Lorna supervises at Tripler Medical Center. Based on many professional interactions with Lorna, I feel well able to write this letter of recommendation.

Lorna is a consummate professional. She is highly ethical, passionate to serve the public, and extremely knowledgeable about issues pertinent to speech pathology and audiology. Lorna has served as a speech-language pathologist for 30 years; it is wonderful that she wishes to apply that experience to serve on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. For all these reasons, I give Lorna my highest recommendation.

Respectfully,



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Dr. Parnell Mattison

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Lorna Hu: Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

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

I am interested in providing guidance and new ideas to this profession that I have passionately served for the last 30 years. It is my desire to encourage and to equip our profession to be pro-active and progressive in caring and provide the best professional treatment for all of consumers that we serve in the State of Hawaii.

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

I perceive the Board to provide some oversight and guidance to encourage the profession in their professional responsibilities and duties. I believe the board provides general oversight in the profession to ensure that the profession is adhering to ethical and best practices.

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

As I have served the Military population for nearly 30 years, I believe that the consumer needs more awareness in the field of Speech/language Pathology. The general population may hear the word speech delay or autism, but may not fully understand the ramifications of what this may mean for the State of Hawaii. The Best Practice is Education and we need to educate the general public so that he/she becomes aware and can understand the disorders that our consumers have.

(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.

- Proven to be an exceptional Speech Pathologist.
- I have had numerous National Awards for Continuing Education –so I am abreast of the current trends and issues throughout our country.
- I serve as a Speech Pathologist within the Government so I am responsible for caring for Military families that have different issues than our general population within the State of Hawaii

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

Truly, I don't have an agenda. My only agenda is really to dispel the notion that Hawaii does not take care of their Ohana or the Military dependents. I would like for our profession to demonstrate that they care for their Kupunas and Keikis no matter what race or religion or socioeconomic status

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

- **Honest/Ethical**- high integrity as I have served on the RICO Board in Hawaii for nearly 15years.
- **Passionate & driven**- about the field of Speech pathology. I am committed to the profession that I serve.
- **Gentle & Kind**- I love to come to consensus in decision making and ideally I avoid conflict.

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

I have served as a RICO Board member for nearly 15 years so I am very knowledgeable about ethical concerns for the consumer that we serve.

(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?

If I am appointed to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, I would resign from the Board of RICO. I am employed by the U.S. Government so I do not privately provide services for personal gain.