

GM 797

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAREK SATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

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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 NOS. 797 AND 798**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE **BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **DAREK SATO**, FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017 AND 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 Nos. 797 and 798, nominating Mr. Darek Sato for membership on the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board") for terms to expire June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

Mr. Sato has several years of experience in the general health care administration sector in Hawaii, and this knowledge and experience will allow Mr. Sato to provide useful insights during the Board's discussions. His commitment to serve and regularly

participate will help to ensure that the Board is able to carry out its business in an effective and timely manner.

Mr. Sato is familiar with the Board and understands the various time and preparation requirements that come with Board service, including being in attendance regularly at Board meetings to ensure full discussion and quorum for voting and taking the time to adequately review all meeting information in order to be ready for discussion and decision making during meetings. Mr. Sato is willing and enthusiastic about the chance to serve on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Darek Sato for membership on the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I am available to answer any questions the Committee may have.