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Wednesday, April 11, 2018
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 680, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JULIE YATOGO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

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

My name is James Kobashigawa, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 680, regarding the **reappointment** of Julie Yatogo to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Yatogo's reappointment to the Board.

Licensed as a speech pathologist since January 29, 1985, Ms. Yatogo has over 30 years of professional experience. She has served on the Board since October 6, 2016, and has attended 2 out of 4 meetings since her appointment. She is conscientious in preparing for these meetings, and by sharing her valuable insights and expertise gained through her many years of experience, Ms. Yatogo contributes to the depth and breadth of information that the Board finds invaluable when making its decisions. In addition, Ms. Yatogo is able to share unique perspectives of the neighbor islands, as she practices on Kauai.

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The Department believes that Ms. Yatogo's interest and commitment in serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Ms. Yatogo to the Board.



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April 9, 2018

Subject: Governor's Message No. 680 - Nomination of JULIE YATOGO for Appointment to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to support JULIE YATOGO's nomination to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

I have known Julie for 37 years as a graduate student and colleague. My recommendation is based on working with and supervising graduate students and speech-language pathologists over the past 40 years as Chief of Speech Pathology in a medical facility in Honolulu, and as Adjunct Clinical Instructor and Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Julie has served children and their families for the past 35 years as a speech pathologist in Easter Seals Hawaii and the Hawaii Department of Education. She is an outstanding clinician with superb knowledge and skills. She advocates for evidence-based practice and is methodical in delivering high quality services. She promotes excellence in her professional endeavors, and her personal and professional integrity are above reproach.

Over the past 30 years, Julie has volunteered in leadership positions for the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association (HSHA). Her dedication and service to our profession as well as individuals with communication disorders are exemplary. As evidence of her distinction and high regard among her colleagues, she served two terms as HSHA President. She epitomized professionalism, objectivity, and inclusiveness in fulfilling her duties and responsibilities.

Julie has my highest recommendation without reservations. I respectfully request the Committee's favorable consideration. I am confident that Julie will work diligently to ensure best practices in serving and protecting individuals with communication and swallowing disorders in our state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pauline Mashima'.

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April 09, 2018
Office of Senator Rosalyn Baker
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To the honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for Julie Yatogo as a Speech Pathology member for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Her core values of respect, responsibility, dedication, and integrity align with our professional expectations to ensure quality services for individuals with communication and swallowing disorders. In over 30 years of service to our State, she has been elected by her colleagues to serve in multiple officer positions including President of the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association. As a representative of Kauai and other neighbor islands, she advocated for their professional needs to serve children in remote places. As a speech-language pathologist, she understands and addresses everyday challenges of clinical practice.

I am confident that Julie will represent our professions and our State with judicious decision-making to protect the individuals we serve. Her exceptional core values and vast professional experiences will enhance and support the Boards business in licensure, disciplinary actions, and response to new issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Shari Goo-Yoshino'.

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From: [Dorothy Craven](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: Testimony GM680
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:58:10 PM

> On Apr 10, 2018, at 1:42 PM, Dorothy Craven <tookie@pixi.com> wrote:

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> I strongly endorse Julie Yatogo for membership on the Speech Pathology Board !

> She has served the Public School Children and their families on Oahu and Kauai since 1983 . She completed her graduate education in 1983 with an outstanding academic record. She also demonstrated excellent Clinical aptitude .

> Since that time she has demonstrated her leadership abilities in our Professional Organization (HSHA) in many ways including Treasurer and President. Julie has many noteworthy personal qualities including dependability, integrity ,and patience . Her personal and professional ethics are superior. She is a dependable and reliable worker.

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> I consider it an honor to recommend Julie for this position which she will serve with fairness, integrity and good humor. Please feel free to contact me for further information if you have questions.

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> Dorothy D. Craven, Retired Associate Professor , University of Hawaii.

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