

# GM506

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| Measure<br>Title:    | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Board of Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT KUBOTA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023. |
| Report<br>Title:     | Hawai'i Board of Optometry                                                                                                                             |
| Current<br>Referral: | CPH                                                                                                                                                    |

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Friday, April 5, 2019  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 506, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT KUBOTA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports the appointment of Mr. Scott Kubota to the Board.

Mr. Kubota has been serving on the Board as an interim member since July 30, 2018, and is being appointed as a public member. He has been practicing law in Hawaii since 1984.

Mr. Kubota is an astute and quick learner, having already familiarized himself with the Board's responsibilities and tasks, including: granting and disciplining licenses; establishing and amending the Board's administrative rules; and enforcing the provisions governing the practice of optometry in the State. Mr. Kubota understands that it is expected that Board members regularly attend and participate in the Board meetings.

The Board believes that Mr. Kubota's combination of experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service continue to make him a strong choice for appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-506**

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 4:13:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 4/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Peter Shoji  | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

## Comments:

I am writing you in favor of my good friend Mr. Scott Kubota. I have known Scott for many years. He is sincere and very cordial to whomever he meets. He has been practicing law in Hawaii for over 30 years.

Scott has been a very welcomed addition to our Optometry Board as an interim member. As chair of the board, I appreciate his wisdom and experience on many of the issues on our agenda. His input is invaluable to the people he is serving.

I highly recommend your approval of Mr. Scott Kubota to a full term on our Optometry Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

Peter J Shoji

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April 3, 2019

Testimony in support of GM506

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Hawaii Optometric Association it is my pleasure to submit testimony in favor of the confirmation of Scott Kubota to sit on the Board of Examiners in Optometry as a public member.

Mr. Kubota is an attorney who has the education and knowledge to make decisions that will have the safety of the public as a top priority.

Again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of the appointment of Scott Kubota to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota  
Executive Director