

GM684

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Board of Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, SEULYN AU, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Hawai'i Board of Optometry

Current Referral: CPH

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 684, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SEULYN AU,
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 Hawaii Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Seulyn K. L. Au, O.D.'s reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Au is an experienced and respected practitioner with a diverse background in optometry, business, and community service. She is the first native Hawaiian to be licensed as an optometrist in the State of Hawaii and has practiced for over 30 years. Dr. Au was initially licensed on February 21, 1984, and holds a license that is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Au is the founder of the Kalihi-Palama Optometry Clinic, the first non-profit eye clinic in Hawaii, and was the managing optometric director from 1985 to 1998. She served as the vice president, member of the Board of Directors, and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Palama Settlement. Dr. Au is the founder and the managing optometrist for the Kokua Kalihi Valley and Waikiki Health Center, both of which are non-profit optometry programs serving low-income earners. Dr. Au has served on several boards of non-profit organizations, and her dedication to underserved populations are evident from her extensive community service history.

Dr. Au is extremely familiar with the Board's responsibilities and tasks, including: the requirements for granting and disciplining licenses; establishing administrative rules; and enforcing the provisions governing the practice of optometry in the State. She understands the expectation that individual board members regularly attend and

participate in board meetings. Importantly, Dr. Au continues to express a strong interest in participating in policy and consumer protection issues at the board level.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

April 6, 2019

Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 684

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

RE: Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 684 the nomination of Dr. Seulyn Au to her second term on the Board of Examiners in Optometry

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 Dr. Seulyn Au to continue to sit on the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Au is a community minded person who has the best interest of the people in the State of Hawaii as his highest priority. As long-time member of the Hawaii Optometric Association, she fully understands the democratic policies of collaboration and compromise. Dr. Au has been a Doctor of Optometry in Hawaii since 1983 and is highly qualified to make fair and intelligent decisions on the practice and treatment of diseases of the eye.

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

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April 05, 2019

To: Senator Roz Baker

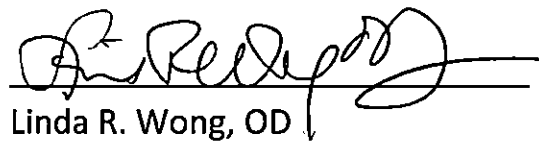
Re: Reappointment of Seulyn Au, OD

Dear Senator Baker,

I have known Seulyn for over 30 years. She has been a mentor, colleague, and friend. Her reappointment to the Optometry State Board will enable her to continue her outstanding contribution to the public as well as her fellow optometrists. Integrity and motivation are terms to describe Seulyn.

Please allow her to continue her excellent work.

Sincerely,



Linda R. Wong, OD