

GM699

Measure
Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Board of Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBB
SHIBAYAMA, 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. 699, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBB SHIBAYAMA,
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 confirmation of Robb Shibayama, O.D.'s reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Shibayama has been practicing comprehensive medical-based optometry in Hawaii since June 30, 2000, and holds a current, valid, and unencumbered license. Through Hawaii Vision Associates, the largest optometric group in Hawaii, Dr. Shibayama has emphasized patient-centered care. He has prided himself on his bedside manner and desire to develop long-term relationships with his patients that contributes to the growth of his optometry group.

Dr. Shibayama has already familiarized himself with the Board's responsibilities and tasks, including: granting and disciplining licenses; establishing and amending its administrative rules; and enforcing provisions governing of the practice of optometry in the State. He has been the acting vice-chairperson of the Board since July 2018, providing direction to members and support to the Chair. Dr. Shibayama understands the expectation that board members regularly attend and participate in board meetings.

The Board believes that Dr. Shibayama'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.

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

Comments:

Aloha Kakhiaka!

I am submitting testimony in support of my good friend and colleague Dr. Robb Shibayama.

I have known Robb since he was first licensed in our state approx 20 years ago. He has always been supportive of our professions well being and has participated in many of our associations community service projects as well.

He has been an excellent Vice Chair member on our DCCA Board this past term. He always participates sincerely and with full integrity on all of the agenda items.

I highly recommend Robb to another term on the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

Thank you for your consideration,

Peter Shoji

April 10, 2019

Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 699

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

RE: Testimony in support of Governor's Message 699 the nomination of Dr. Robb Shibayama to a 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. Robb Shibayama to continue to sit on the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Shibayama 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, he fully understands the democratic policies of collaboration and compromise. Dr. Shibayama has been a Doctor of Optometry in Hawaii since 2000 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. Robb Shibayama to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota
Executive Director
Hawaii Optometric Association