

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1005

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 610

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 610, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

G.M. No. 610 PETER SEARL,
for a term to expire 06-30-2024,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Peter Searl for service on the Hawai'i Board of Optometry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Peter Searl from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Strategies Education, Inc.; and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Searl's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be appointed to the Hawai'i Board of Optometry as a licensee member. Your Committee notes that Dr. Searl has worked as a pilot for Hawaiian Airlines since 1992 and has been a licensed optometrist in Hawaii since 2002, specializing in sports vision and concussion education. Dr. Searl was an active member in the Hawaii Chapter of the Airline Pilots Association Aeromedical Committee, including serving many years as Aeromedical Chairperson, where he educated fellow pilots about the role of optometry in a person's overall health. Dr. Searl also serves on

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the Airline Pilots Association National Pilot Peer Support Committee, providing counsel to fellow pilots who may be experiencing trauma or stress in their lives. Your Committee finds that Dr. Searl has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and his unique and extensive experience will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawai'i Board of Optometry. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Searl be appointed to the Hawai'i Board of Optometry based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



