

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology?  
*As I've served on the Board of Speech Pathology, it has been interesting to serve at a higher level of an organization. It is not only an honor but a challenge and privilege to look out for the greater good. It is a perspective of responsibility to the organization along with listening and understanding the challenges for a larger body than yourself to accomplish the goal of the profession. It is an opportunity to utilize my 30+ years of professional experiences with a responsibility to protect and have an advisory role.*

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology?  
*My perspective of the roles and responsibilities are to protect the consumer as well as to protect the profession of Speech Pathology. One of the many responsibilities include providing an opinion of issues that arise and to interpret the statutes that are already in place and to continue to ensure ethical practices in the professional role and profession of Speech Pathology.*

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board  
*I believe my qualifications are based on my 30+ years of professional practice and the highest level of service that I have provided in all arenas of speech pathology. I have an exceptional understanding of the issues that we face locally and nationally as I continue to keep abreast of current studies and continue to engage in various continuing education opportunities. In addition, the expertise in my particular area is invaluable as I can provide a perspective that has depth and breadth as I am involved in pediatric care in the world based on my position at Tripler Army Medical Center and the provision of care that encompasses Japan, Korea, Europe and the Pacific Islands.*

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
*I would like to assist in pioneering strength in the profession and plan for future growth in the field that could include training paraprofessionals to assist in care as the scope of practice has grown in education of families as well as education to other professionals. I would like to encourage more interest in the understanding of Speech Pathology to encourage more individuals to explore it as a career as we have to meet the ever growing demands of providing care.*

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.  
*As I've served on the Board of Speech Pathology for the last four years; I believe that I have perseverance, openness and caring. All three of these qualities facilitate group consensus and facilitates change (if needed) as well as provides an avenue to facilitate decision making.*

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology member.  
*I have experienced a lack of speech pathology services that are being provided in Palau and am interested in facilitating and assisting this country in establishing care from the United States through partnerships with University Programs.*

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

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*I see no possible conflicts of interest as I have no financial gain in any of the issues as I am a federal employee and am not involved in any private practice and have no financial partnerships.*

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## **Testimony of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, April 9, 2021  
9:20 a.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 723, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LORNA HU,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Lorna Hu, M.S., to the Board as a licensee member.

Ms. Hu has held a speech pathologist license in this state since February 27, 1986, and her license is current, valid, and in good standing. Ms. Hu is a highly experienced speech pathologist, and she is currently the lead pediatric speech-language pathologist at Tripler Army Medical Center's neuro-developmental multidisciplinary clinic. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, evaluating, diagnosing, and treating a variety of simple and complex pediatric patients in the areas of feeding/swallowing, communication, neuro-developmental disorders, language disorders, and autism.

Ms. Hu gives back to the community and the speech pathology industry through years of volunteerism, such as serving as a mentor and clinical student supervisor for various universities, including the University of Hawaii. Prior to being appointed to the Board, Ms. Hu was an advisory committee member of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Regulated Industries Complaints Office's Speech Language and Audiology Advisory Committee, from January 1999 to January 2017.

Ms. Hu was first appointed to the Board on July 1, 2017, and she has attended 11 out of 12 meetings. She continues to be interested in ensuring adequate protections and standards of care in speech pathology, like the provision of autism services to youth patients. As the most senior member of the Board, the Board believes that Ms. Hu's

experience will continue to be useful during board discussions regarding pending applications, potential disciplinary actions, policy changes through proposed legislation, administrative rules, and various other matters.

Ms. Hu is aware of the various requirements and responsibilities in serving on the Board, and she has proven to be extremely committed to these responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.