

GM512: Leslie Murata

- (1) **Why do you wish to be a member of the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology?**

During the past year, as a member of the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, I believe I made a difference in providing my thoughts and opinions for the Barbering and Cosmetology industries.

Continuing as a board member would give me the opportunity to use my experience for the industry.

- (2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology?**

I perceive the roles and responsibilities for being a member of the Board are to see that the people who are in business follow the laws and rules of Barbering and Cosmetology. Also, to allow these businesses to provide comments and suggestions regarding the industry so their business can run smooth and be profitable.

- (3) **Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology 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.**

After being a member for a year, I found that my experience as a clerk in the USPS Consumer Affairs department was very helpful. Also, being a window clerk in the USPS for 18 years gives me a better outlook in understanding the customers side. I also allow myself to view both side of the table and hopefully make the correct decisions for the board and the businesses.

- (4) **What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

I hope to accomplish the growth of the barbering and cosmetology industry in providing more opportunities for their businesses.

- (5) **Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.**

Listening. I believe I am a very good listener and can better understand the problem and also do research to solve it.

Always look at both side. Having this quality would give the situation a fair result.

If I don't know, I will ask or try to do research.

- (6) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology member.**

Handling complaints as a clerk for the USPS Consumer Affairs (complaint department) would give the board a person who could understand the situation and hopefully handle it.

- (7) **Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**

I don't foresee any conflict of interest, but if one arise, I would recuse myself in any decision making and if involve me being dismiss from the board, I would resign.

Testimony of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 512, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LESLIE MURATA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jenny Yam, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Murata's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Murata has served on the Board since May 19, 2020, and attended his first board meeting on December 22, 2020. He has attended all scheduled board meetings since his appointment and actively participates in discussions of the agenda items.

Mr. Murata dedicated much of his life to community service and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2014. He continues to contribute to the community by volunteering as a coordinator at Hulu Makua Senior Day Care. Mr. Murata has actively volunteered for over 30 years and served in leadership positions for various community organizations, such as President of the Parent Teacher Student Association at Haleiwa Elementary School, Band President at Waialua High School, Chairperson of the School Community Base Management at Waialua High School, and Vice-President for Operations at Hawaii Youth Symphony.

The Board strongly believes that Mr. Murata's interest in serving on the Board and desire to contribute to the community will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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February 11, 2022

Support for GM512, Consideration and Confirmation to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, Gubernatorial Nominee, Leslie Murata, for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Committee Members:

I am Henry Miyamura, Professor Emeritus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a retired Music Director of the Hawaii Youth Symphony orchestras.

I am testifying in favor of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Leslie Murata's, consideration for and confirmation to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Mr. Murata has dedicated much of his life to community service, including work as a Band Booster for Waialua High School and as a volunteer for nearly 30 years with the Hawaii Youth Symphony. Mr. Murata served a great amount of time as vice president of the Hawaii Youth Symphony as well.

It was during his time with the Hawaii Youth Symphony that I became aware of Mr. Murata's total dedication to the Youth Symphony. For one thing, he volunteered much of his time to raise funds and make travel reservations for the students of the Youth Symphony to perform in Japan and in the continental United States. He also aided in the set-up of events and performances, arranging various heavy instruments at the Youth Symphony concerts. Such a job would require a dozen men, but Mr. Murata happily did it all on his own.

Although he is no longer associated with the Hawaii Youth Symphony, Mr. Murata is no less enthusiastic to volunteer. Mr. Murata has continually given his time freely without expecting any personal reward, and he does so to this day. He is always humble and grateful to be able to help and is well appreciated by me and all those who have worked with him.

I believe Mr. Murata to be an excellent candidate for this position because of his hard work and dedication throughout the years. Mr. Murata is a great man with humility and service in his heart. I know that he will bring such values – and more – to the Board.

I know that when Mr. Murata is confirmed to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, he will be a great and valuable asset in all that he does as a member of the Board.

I urge the committee to consider and confirm Mr. Murata to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Henry Miyamura

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Gubernatorial Nominee of Mr. Leslie Murata, who is being considered for reappointment to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

I have known Mr. Murata for over 10 years when we worked together at the Main Post Office. We worked in the Complaints Office, Consumer Affairs, USPS and handled complaints from the public. Mr. Murata was always courteous to the public and his co-workers. He was fair and thorough in his investigations and follow-up of complaints. He was always willing to help his fellow workers and gained their respect and trust.

Mr. Murata has also served his community with volunteer work with seniors and with musical groups.

I am confident he will be able to fulfill the duties of the Board and therefore urge you to reappoint him to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathi Oda-Nakamura