

GM630 Staphe Fujimoto:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Dentistry?

This will be my third term as a Board of Dentistry member. I am excited to continue to participate in decisions that affect the well-being of our public.

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(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Dentistry?

First and foremost we are there to protect the people of Hawaii. We are the conduit to assuring the public that decisions that are made are with their best interest in mind.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Dentistry 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 I have demonstrated in my previous terms on the board that I have been a vocal yet open-minded member. I believe that was the reason I was elected Board Chairman in my last term.

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

I hope to continue to work with the other board members to do everything in our power to protect the people of Hawaii when it comes to all aspects of dental care.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Dentistry?

Hard-working, personable and vocal are qualities I believe will benefit me as a board member.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Dentistry member.

This will be my third term therefore, I am fully prepared for whatever the board has on the agenda.

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

No I don't foresee any conflict of interest.

Testimony of the Board of Dentistry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday April 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 630, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STAPHE FUJIMOTO, D.D.S.,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Fujimoto's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Fujimoto has been licensed as a dentist since September 10, 1985, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has previously served on the Board as a dentist member from November 2012 to August 2020.

By sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed dentist in active practice, Dr. Fujimoto contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making decisions regarding scope of practice inquiries, applications, and other matters.

Dr. Fujimoto serves as an examiner for dental licensure exams, which greatly assists with the process of determining whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry, and he attends regional examinations and meetings. In addition, Dr. Fujimoto is a member on the Steering Committee of the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. and is committed to keeping the Board informed with current trends in the practice of dentistry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Sentor Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

Re: Dr. Staphe Fujimoto
Board of Dentistry

Dear Senator Baker:

This is a letter of recommendation for Dr. Staphe Fujimoto to the appointment on the Board of Dentistry.

As the President Elect of the Hawaii Dental Association, I highly recommend Dr. Fujimoto to continue to serve on Board of Dentistry. He is a competent professional dedicated to protect the dental health and well-being of the citizens of Hawaii.

I would be happy to answer questions on my recommendation of Dr. Fujimoto whom I have known over 35 years.

Respectfully,

Dr. Norman S. Chun
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Hawaii Dental Association

To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., April 8, 2022
Location: State Capitol Conference Room 229 and Video Conference
Re: GM 630 Gubernatorial Nominee Staphe Fujimoto

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang and members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of Dr. Staphe Fujimoto's nomination to the state Board of Dentistry on behalf of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA).

HDA is a statewide membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii's Board of Dentistry. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 630 Gubernatorial Nominee Staphe Fujimoto.