

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 10, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 768, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GAYLE CHANG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Gayle Chang's appointment to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Chang was appointed to the Board 2022 for the second time, having previously served from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2018. Ms. Chang is a conscientious Board member who comes well prepared to discuss the matters on the Board's agendas. She has attended ten of the eleven meetings since her appointment.

Ms. Chang retired after serving as a dental hygienist/office manager and as an instructor in Dental Assisting at Kapiolani Community College. She has volunteered with the Hawaii Dental Hygienists Association, the Hawaii Board of Dentistry, and with the Boy Scouts of America.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gayle Chang's appointment.

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I am Noelani Greene, President of Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association. I have known Gayle Chang for approximately 15 years. We have served on the Board of Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association on multiple terms and various positions. Gayle has mentored me and many others and is supportive to her peers. She is an outstanding individual in the community by volunteering to be part of her professional organization and other organizations. It is my honor to submit a testimony on Gayle's behalf.

Thank you
Noelani Greene, RDH, BSDH
President, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association
General Manager/President, Teshima Enterprise

April 9, 2025

Subject: **GM768 for Gayle Chang for the
Hawaii Board of Optometry**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am proud to write and submit testimony on behalf of Gayle Change who is volunteering to serve as a public member of the Hawaii Board of Optometry. I have known Gayle for more than 25 years as a family friend and as her role as the Treasurer of our Boy Scout Troop, Troop 1, BSA, Inc.

Gayle Chang is a trustworthy, honest, kind and fair person. Her volunteer work as our Troop Treasurer has been accurate and punctual for more than 25 years. Gayle is a hard worker and is dedicated to any task that she is asked to complete,

During my time as the Scoutmaster of Troop 1 for 32 years, I have never had any issues with Gayle and her support as the Troop Treasurer.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend you to approve the request for Gayle Chang to be a member of the Hawaii Board of Optometry. Gayle will do a very good job to serve the people of Hawaii.

Very Truly Yours,

Clayton C. Y. Pang, P.E.
President, Electech Hawaii, Inc.
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Scoutmaster, Troop 1, BSA
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