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

On the following measure:
G.M. 749, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KATHRYN MAU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Kathryn Mau, O.D., as a licensed member for the Hawaii Board of Optometry (Board).

Since 2011, Dr. Mau has served as an optometrist at Aloha Laser Vision, LLC in Honolulu, providing high-quality care to our community. Her background also includes roles as Clinical Study Coordinator and Continuing Education Coordinator, demonstrating her commitment to advancing optometry through research and education.

Dr. Mau earned her Optometry Doctorate from UC Berkeley and completed a Cornea and Contact Lens Residency at the State University of New York College of

Optometry, giving her specialized knowledge that will benefit the Board. Her experience as the International Patient Care Director at TRSC International LASIK Center in Bangkok further broadens her perspective, which is particularly valuable in Hawaii's diverse community. Active in professional organizations like the Hawaii Optometric Association, Dr. Mau has shown a continued commitment to staying at the forefront of her field.

Dr. Mau's extensive experience and commitment to the field of optometry make her highly qualified candidate for the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly support the appointment of Kathryn Mau to serve as a member on the Hawaii State Board of Optometry.

Over the last three years, I have worked alongside Katie and have witnessed her dedication to the job. She goes above and beyond to care for our patients and will excel in serving to protect our community. Katie is one of the most intelligent optometrists that I know, and I believe that she will bring an abundance of knowledge and experience to the board. I have seen her maintain relationships with other optometrists in Hawaii and have witnessed other doctors consult with her on difficult patient cases, further confirming her knowledge in the field. If you look at Katie's resume, you can see that she has extensive experience with clinical trials. These studies require strong ethics and the ability to follow strict protocols, which is further evidence of her ability to serve and protect our community. Katie is hardworking, caring, honest, and truly possesses many qualities that I believe would make her an exceptional candidate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Kathryn Mau. She will truly be a great asset to the Hawaii State Board of Optometry.

Thank you,

Jordan Schmerbauch O.D.

GM-749

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 6:31:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Liane Nalani Casuga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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RE: Testimony in support of Dr. Kathryn Mau, Board of Optometry GM749

Dear Honorable members of the Hawaii Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

I would like to provide public testimony in support of Dr. Kathryn Mau for the Hawaii Board of Optometry. I have known Dr. Mau professionally for over 20 years and believe she would be an asset to the board. Her good moral character, professional skills and judgement should prove beneficial for her duties on the Board of Optometry.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Liane N. Casuga, O.D.

GM-749

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 8:16:20 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Testimony:**I STRONGLY SUPPORT DR. KATHRYN MAU IN SERVING ON THE HAWAI'I STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.**

Dr. Kathryn Mau is deeply dedicated to the field of optometry and to protecting the health and well-being of our community. She always puts her patients first—carefully considering what is best for their ocular health, both in immediate treatment and long-term care. Her involvement in multiple FDA clinical trials demonstrates her commitment to advancing the profession through evidence-based care and innovation.

Dr. Mau also maintains strong, respectful relationships with optometrists across the state. Her ability to collaborate and communicate thoughtfully makes her a trusted voice among her peers. With her wide breadth of knowledge and clinical experience, she will bring valuable insight and sound judgment to the Board's decision-making process.

**Elizabeth Hanohano-Hong
Optometrist**