

GM570

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHANNON CHING, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

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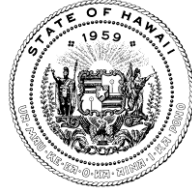
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4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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**PRESENTATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015
Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 570**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **SHANNON CHING**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 570, nominating Mr. Shannon Ching for membership as one of two audiologist members on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Mr. Ching is familiar with the audiology industry in various communities throughout the State, currently providing audiology services on Oahu, Hawaii Island, and Kauai, as well as previously having worked in audiology consulting on Lanai.

Mr. Ching has also promoted good hearing practices for both youth and the elderly through public presentations and speaking engagements. The Department believes, therefore, that Mr. Ching has demonstrated a dedication to both improving both the industry and his community that will carryover to his service on the Board.

Further, Mr. Ching holds licenses in good standing for activity in the areas of speech pathology and audiology and hearing aid dealing and fitting, and he has previous Board experience, including serving as chairperson from 1989 to 1992. Accordingly, Mr. Ching has a strong understanding of the various functions, responsibilities, and procedures of the Board, and he is further committed to serve effectively by satisfying the Board's meeting and participation requirements. As such, the Department believes that Mr. Ching's return to the Board would be a benefit to the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Ching's nomination to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

From: [Alan Garson](#)
To: [CPN Testimony](#)
Subject: Letter of support for Dr. Shannon Ching
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:08:01 PM

To: Whom It May Concern

It is a pleasure for me to support the nomination of a fellow Lion, Dr. Shannon Ching, to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

I became acquainted with Lion Shannon at a Lions Club Leadership Institute over 10 years ago, and since that time I have worked with him on many Lions activities. He is an active member of the Waikiki 2000 Lions Club, and has served in many leadership capacities as a Lion.

As District Governor for the Lions Clubs in the State of Hawaii (2008-09), he implemented a hearing screening program for children in Hawaii's schools, which continues to this day. He volunteers his time and efforts to train other Lions in the screening techniques and use of the audiometric devices used in the screenings. Through his efforts, we have been and are able to conduct the hearing screenings in Hawaii's Schools. Shannon is often a part of the screening process, as we try to schedule the school level screenings to coincide with his availability.

I have also known him to be a very thorough and professional audiologist. At the urging of my family, I went to him for professional assistance. After the appropriate testing and diagnosis, he was able to provide me with an appropriate hearing aid that makes it much easier for me in my daily life.

I firmly believe that Shannon will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology and support his nomination whole-heartedly.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Garson, Ed. D.
Akaka Falls Lions Club member and Past President
Past District Governor (2009-10), District 50, State of Hawaii



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International Association of Lions Clubs
Home Club of 2002-2003 Past District Governor Dick Crislip



April 7, 2015

Letter of Recommendation for Shannon Ching, AuD

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This letter is to recommend Dr. Shannon Ching for the vacant seat on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I have known Dr. Ching for 6 years, as a fellow Lion serving elementary-aged students through hearing screenings. During these years, I came to understand how Dr. Ching lives the Lions' motto of *We Serve* and how he truly practices the characteristics of *servant leadership* as described by many including Warren Bennis, Peter Block, and Robert Greenleaf – listening, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, commitment to the growth of people, and building community.

As a former school and district educational leader, I have worked with leaders in various capacities. My personal experience with Dr. Ching – receiving training in the skills to conduct hearing screenings, being guided to plan and organize club projects to serve community schools, and being mentored to serve as the chairman of Lions District 50 (State of Hawaii) Hearing Committee – has provided me with an opportunity to serve and grow within the Lions organization. He is passionate about and committed to serving the children and families of Hawaii – as demonstrated through his organization and building of a statewide system to serve all communities through his leadership at the Lions District 50 level. Dr. Ching has personally provided thousands of hours volunteering to train, supervise, and to provide the service of his professional expertise on-site at most of the hearing screenings conducted by Lions at elementary and middle schools throughout our State.

Because of his passion, commitment, and leadership characteristics, I highly recommend, Dr. Ching, without reservation, to the seat on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through email (jenkinsr002@hawaii.rr.com), or by calling 808-220-4977.

Sincerely,

Roberta S.H. Jenkins, President
Mililani Lions

Letter of Interest in Nomination to the
Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology, GM570

April 8, 2015

To The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

It has been over 20 years since I have served on the Hawaii State Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. As one would expect, many changes have occurred since then. Some of the major issues that have required statutory and/or policy changes, and/or monitoring of professional ethics and competencies, have involved adjustments for changes in the scopes of practice descriptions and definitions for speech pathology and audiology; termination of the state's Vision & Hearing Screening Program in 1995; termination of the audiology program at the University of Hawaii; development and implementation of the Lions Hearing Screening Program for School-age Children in 2008; and various governmental, private practice and supervisory issues.

Having a free -standing private audiology practice in Hilo and in Honolulu as well as consulting for a medical clinic on Kauai, I am in contact with many other providers and referral sources. As the audiology consultant for the Lions Hearing Screening Program, I am in contact with DOE staff, community volunteers, and speech pathologists throughout the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, and Kauai.

As an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Hawaii, I have provided practicum experiences and supervision of speech pathology graduate students. Also, as a member of the Curriculum Advisory Committee for the speech pathology graduate program, I am aware of the academic and practicum requirements for speech pathology students.

Consequently, having so much contact and involvement with many segments of many communities throughout the state, I would like to take a more active role in ensuring that ethical principles and appropriate professional competencies are maintained by those who are licensed to provide speech pathology and/or audiology services in the State of Hawaii; and, to discourage encroachment by those who are not.

Sincerely,

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