

# GM733

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, DR. GEFREY E. REYNOLDS, for a term to expire 6-30-2019. (Nominee's name amended to DR. GEOFFREY E. REYNOLDS by GM755.)

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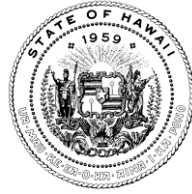
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4/16/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-22-15 8:30AM in conference room 016.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO 733.**

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

My name is Sandra Matsushima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 733, regarding the **reappointment** of Dr. Geoffrey E. Reynolds to the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Reynolds' reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Reynolds has been licensed as an optometrist since July 9, 1998, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board as an industry member since July 1, 2011. Dr. Reynolds is an excellent member of the Board and he has attended 23 of 23 meetings.

Dr. Reynolds serves as the current Chairperson of the Board and has devoted his time and knowledge by keeping the Board on track with optometry issues both locally and nationally.

In addition, Dr. Reynolds is the Board's delegate to attend the National Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry meetings. Dr. Reynolds is committed to keeping the local industry informed with current trends in the practice of optometry. By sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed optometrist in active practice, Dr. Reynolds contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions.

The Board supports the reappointment of Dr. Geoffrey E. Reynolds, and thanks you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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To whom it may concern,

I fully support Dr. Geoffrey Reynolds being appointed to be the Chairman of the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I have known Dr. Reynolds since he started practicing in Hawaii in 1998. His integrity and love of our profession is genuine. He can bridge the gap between the younger and older members of our profession which would be an asset when he has to make tough decisions. We all respect Dr. Reynolds and hope you appoint him to Chairman of our board.

Sincerely,

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#### Board of Examiners in Optometry Nomination

I would highly recommend Dr. Geoffrey Reynolds for re-appointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I have known him since he started optometry practice in 1998. He is of high character and will always give his honest opinion on any matter that may come before the Board. Please continue to have him serve the public as a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY OF JANICE SILVA  
IN SUPPORT OF THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE OF  
DR. GEOFFREY REYNOLDS  
TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

April 22, 2014

To: Chairperson Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

My name is Janice Silva and this testimony is being submitted in support of the nomination of Dr. Geoffrey Reynolds to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

I have known Dr. Reynolds for about 12 years and I feel that he would be an excellent member of the Board. He is noted for his hard work, organizational skills, and his positive attitude. Dr. Reynolds has always conducted himself with integrity and he has always treated his patients and workers in a professional manner. My family has known Dr. Reynolds for years through his father, Dr. Ron Reynolds, and has been patients of his office for 30+ years. Geoffrey is very dedicated to the community and I am confident that he will be a great asset to the Board of Examiners and I strongly support his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dr. Linda T. Arakaki, and I am writing to you in support of Dr. Geoff Reynolds as Chair of the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I have known Dr. Reynolds for over 15 years, and have known him to be an upstanding optometrist and will serve the public well in this capacity. Please accept my humble recommendation.

Aloha,  
Linda T. Arakaki, O.D.

To Whom It May Concern,

Here are the responses for the questions which you sent me on 4/8/2015

**Why do you want to be a member of the Board?**

Being a member of the Board is a good way to be involved in the profession of Optometry and also give back to the community.

**What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**

The roles and responsibilities of the board all revolve around protecting the public (consumer) including licensure and competency.

**In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?**

I can help to protect the consumer by ensuring that our profession is operating at a level which is deemed safe and appropriate.

**Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board 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 have been in private practice with my dad since 1998. This will be my second term on the Board of Examiners. I am the current chair.

I am also a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry. My expertise within the profession gives me the background which will be beneficial to the Board and to the consumer. My experience gives me a perspective which is valuable as the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners.

**What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

The only thing that needs to be accomplished is to make sure the Board of Examiners meets its expectations of protecting the public. It would not be proper to have an agenda beyond what our main responsibilities are as regulators of our profession.

**Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.**

- a) Level Headed.
- b) I listen before I speak.
- c) I understand that this position is not about me or my ego.

**Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**

I have been adjunct clinical faculty for the Pacific University school of optometry and also the Southern California College of Optometry. This requires me to keep all my skills and knowledge base current. It also gives me good insight into the evolution of the standard of care in our profession.

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

I do not foresee any potential conflicts of interest. If one does arise then I would recuse myself as chair and abstain from any voting on the issue in question.

Thank you for the opportunity to be reappointed to the Hawaii State Board of Examiners in Optometry. I look forward to serving once again if you feel that I am qualified to do so.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey E. Reynolds, O.D., F.A.A.O.