

# GM734

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, DR. JERE H. E. LOO, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

**Report Title:** Board of Examiners in Optometry

**Description:**

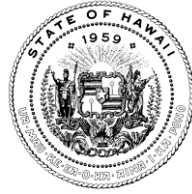
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4/7/2015	S	Received.
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4/16/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-22-15 8:30AM in conference room 016.



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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 734.**

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. 734, regarding the **reappointment** of Dr. Jere H. E. Loo to the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Loo's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Loo is being reappointed to the Board as a licensed optometrist from a county other than the City and County of Honolulu. Dr. Loo is a resident of Kauai. He has been licensed since August 4, 1987, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Loo is a reliable member and has attended 15 of 17 meetings. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrates that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agenda.

In addition, we believe that Dr. Loo's interest in serving on the Board, years of experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Jere H. E. Loo to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

April 9, 2014

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 734 the nomination of Dr. Jere Loo  
to the Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dear Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Hawaii Optometric Association it is my pleasure to submit testimony in favor of the confirmation of Dr. Jere Loo to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Loo is a community minded person who has the best interest of the people in the State of Hawaii as his highest priority. The experience of serving on the American Board of Optometry National Committees has kept Dr. Loo abreast of important updates in the treatment of eye diseases. Dr. Loo, a doctor of Optometry on the island of Kauai, is highly qualified to make fair and intelligent decisions on the practice and treatment of diseases of the eye.

Again thank you, for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of the appointment of Dr. Jere Loo to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Optometric Association

Chairwoman Baker, members of the committee,  
My name is Ernest Oshiro. I am a practicing optometrist in downtown Honolulu and former member and chair of the Board of Examiners in Optometry. Dr. Loo has been a colleague, fellow Board member, and friend for the past 30 years.

As an optometrist, Dr. Loo is an experienced and knowledgeable practitioner. His office utilizes the most up to date technology, and combined with his skills, provides Kauai with the finest eyecare available.

Over the past 10 or so years, Dr. Loo has been a valuable member of the Board of Examiners. As you can imagine, it can be quite an inconvenience to fly in periodically from the neighbor islands for meetings, however, Dr. Loo does so without complaint. For those of us in private practice, this time out of office will definitely result in loss of time and income. Dr. Loo's commitment to the profession and to the public is strong, and so he gladly makes this sacrifice.

As a friend, Jere is the best example of what a good son, husband, father, and friend should be. His two sons are shining examples of good parenting. Can't say enough about what a privilege it is to call Jere my friend.

Senators, please confirm Dr. Loo's nomination to the Board of Examiners in Optometry. His history with the DCCA already shows that he has never let you down. There should be no doubt in your minds that he is an exemplary Board member and will continue to provide the public with valuable service in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Dr. Jere Loo and I am seeking re-nomination to the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I am a second generation Optometrist on Kauai and feel my previous terms on the Board and my experience of 28 years in private practice in a rural setting, give me some qualities unique to the Board. My role to protect the consumer is backed by 3 previous terms on the Board and my years in clinical practice. I cannot see any possible conflicts of interest in my nomination.

Humbly submitted,

Jere H. E. Loo, O.D.