GM623

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, EARL HASEGAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Report

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2018

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 623, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EARL HASEGAWA, FOR A TERM TO **EXPIRE 06-30-2022.**

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 Dental Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 623, regarding the **reappointment** of Earl Hasegawa, D.D.S. to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Hasegawa's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Hasegawa has been licensed as a dentist since September 17, 1990, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board as a dentist member since July 2014. Dr. Hasegawa is a devoted member of the Board, and he has attended 22 out of 25 meetings.

Dr. Hasegawa is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in private practice in Kahului, Maui and is a valuable member who contributes greatly to the discussions at the

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Board's meetings. Dr. Hasegawa has actively participated in meeting discussions and demonstrates that he is prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas. In addition, by sharing insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed dentist in active practice, Dr. Hasegawa has made significant contributions to the Board's deliberations. Dr. Hasegawa volunteers his time and energy as a member of the Board's Anesthesia Permit Applications Committee and is committed to keeping the Board informed with current trends in the practice of dentistry. Dr. Hasegawa is also dedicated to his community where he continues to serve on Maui's Oral Health Task Force.

We believe that Dr. Hasegawa's interest in serving on the Board, his knowledge and experience in the profession, and his desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dr. Hasegawa to the Board.

Re:

Letter of Support for Dr. Earl Hasegawa

Board of Dental Examiners

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker Hawaii State Capitol Room 230 Honolulu, Hi

Dear Senator Baker;

This is a letter of support for Dr. Earl Hasegawa's re-appointment to the Board of Dental Examiners for the State of Hawaii. Dr. Hasegawa is and has been outstanding practicing Oral Surgeon serving our Maui community for decades. He has also been active community member and citizen. His representation on this important Board will continue to serve and enhance our greater Hawaii community.

Respectfully,

Barry Shitamoto, MD

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March 22, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H Baker Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 Honolulu, HI

Re: Dr. Earl Hasegawa appointment to Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners - GM623

Dear Senator Baker:

It is my privilege to write this letter of support for Dr. Earl Hasegawa to continue on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Hasegawa is a highly respected oral surgeon and is a leader in the Maui dental community. Dr. Hasegawa was one of several dentists who approached University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC) in 2000 with the need for educational preparation of dental auxiliaries on Maui. Dr. Hasegawa played a major role in the development of the Dental Assisting (DA) and Dental Hygiene (DH) programs at UHMC.

To provide education for oral health auxiliaries, UHMC needed a clinical laboratory. Dr. Hasegawa provided technical guidance and resources to assist with the opening of the temporary, off campus, Maui Oral Health Center in 2002. In 2013, Dr. Hasegawa served on the UHMC Dental Advisory committee which guided UHMC in the design of the on campus Dental Clinic which opened in 2014. He continues as a member of the Dental Advisory Committee which provides on-going guidance for these important educational programs.

Dr. Hasegawa is a member of the Maui Oral Health Taskforce which meets monthly to address oral health issues in Maui County. He is a wise and thoughtful committee member who is able to provide perspective on the needs of both the community and his dental colleagues.

Dr. Hasegawa serves the Maui community through volunteer service at the Maui Give Kids A Smile and the Valley Isle Keiki Fest events. He maintains membership in multiple State and National dental organization.

I strongly support Dr. Hasegawa's nomination to continue on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners based on his knowledge of dental practice, oral health issues in Hawaii, his leadership, and his willingness to serve our community.

Sincerely,

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March 23, 2018

Hon. Rosalyn Baker Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

VIA EMAIL @ baker3@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: Earl A. Hasegawa, D.D.S, M.S.

Dear Senator Baker:

I am writing for the purpose of expressing my highest recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Earl Hasegawa to a second term on the Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Hasegawa is a very successful and accomplished oral surgeon on Maui with a busy, thriving practice. Yet, somehow he always finds the time to give back to our community in so many ways. The fact that he is willing to continue in service to his profession and our state in this way is truly admirable and our community is a better place because of it.

In addition to his service on the Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. Hasegawa actually closes his office and goes to Dallas every year to serve as an examiner on the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is truly committed to maintaining excellence in the profession and I believe that is of benefit to us all.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of Dr. Hasegawa's reappointment.

Sincerely yours,

GRANT Y. M. CHUN
Executive Director

