

GM792 Denby Rall

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology?

To be able to be more involved on a State Level of what is happening in my profession.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology?

To best represent the profession and to ensure that the State of Hawaii is upholding the highest standards for patient care in the realm of Speech Pathology and Audiology. I believe that the role of being a Board member include advocating for our profession and being a knowledgeable resource to those who make legal decisions about our profession. By doing this, the board can protect the patients who are seen and the consumer of our professions.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology 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 do feel I am qualified to be a member of the Board. I have over a decade of professional experience in the field of Audiology, daily interacting and working with Speech Pathologists. I have also been serving on a school board for a private institution and recently I have served on a credentialing board for Audiology. I have done budget reviews and approvals. I have been the chief of Audiology at Tripler for 11 years, so far, with interactions across supervisory levels and different medical professional fields.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service

I would like to see the licensing process of Speech Pathology and Audiology in Hawaii be reworked; which we have been in the process of doing over the last two years.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

1. I am patient. This has been helpful across many aspects of my job and when working with other people.
2. I am considerate. I will not speak out of turn and am loyal to my beliefs while being respectful and open to discussions on any topic.
3. I am knowledgeable. I have an understanding of what is needed to have good clinicians and providers of patient care

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology member.

Reviewing the credentials of another Audiologist, with a plan for review and follow-up. This was a hard process that made me stop and realize the reality of poor patient care.

The experience is priceless in my ability to appropriately contribute information and awareness to difficult tasks.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.

Testimony of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 8, 2022
9:30am
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 792, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DENBY RALL,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology (Board). The Board supports Denby Rall, Au.D., reappointment to the Board as a licensed member.

Dr. Rall, Chief of Audiology at Tripler Army Medical Center (Tripler), has practiced as an audiologist in Hawaii since 2008 after receiving a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Hawaii, and attending Central Michigan University for her Doctor of Audiology. Dr. Rall is a traumatic brain injury and vestibular specialist and works primarily with military families. She also manages the audiology externship at Tripler and provides in-service trainings for various medical providers. Dr. Rall prides herself on her ability to lead and work with various providers to address complex issues and increase positive outcomes in patient care.

Dr. Rall maintains an active life outside of her profession, including: previously serving as a chapter president of the National Association of Future Doctors of Audiology; volunteering with the Special Olympics; assessing other audiologists for credentialing; and sitting on the school board of her alma mater, Maryknoll School.

Dr. Rall has been a Board member since her appointment in 2020. At the time of her appointment she stated that she envisioned her role as a Board member to consist of ensuring that the State of Hawaii upholds the highest standards for patient care in speech pathology and audiology, and to be a knowledgeable resource for those who make legal decisions about the professions. Dr. Rall has fulfilled her goals as a Board member and continues to be an important voice on the Board.

Dr. Rall appreciates and understands the commitment necessary to act as an ethical, productive, and collaborative member of the Board. She is also aware of the various duties and requirements of serving on the Board, including but not limited to regular meeting attendance, involvement, and understanding of meeting procedures. She also understands the importance of being dedicated to meeting preparation, which involves at its core, familiarity with the regulated fields, and the statute and administrative rule chapters associated with both the functions of the Board and the regulation of the practice of speech pathology and audiology. Dr. Rall continues to be ready and proud to serve the public, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the consumers of speech pathology and audiology.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Senator Baker,

I support Dr. Denby K. Rall, Au.D. in serving a second term on the Hawaii State Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Please feel free to email or call me at 808-389-6202 with any questions or additional concerns.

Thank you,
Kristin Kumabe, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA

Hi Senator Baker,

This message is in support of Denby K. Rall to serve a second term on the Hawai'i Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Please feel free to call me (808-386-7906) or email with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Kori Nishida, Au.D.

01 April 2022

Senator Baker,

I support Denby K. Rall, Au.D. in serving a second term on the Hawaii State Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Please feel free to email or call me at 808-256-4607 with any questions or concerns.

V/R,

Rie N. Chan, Au.D. CCC-A
Audiologist
Tripler Army Medical Center

Hello,

I'm writing to recommend that Denby Rall serve a second term on the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Dr. Rall is an important member who contributes greatly to the Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Aloha,

Susan May, AuD

Hello Senator Baker,

My name is Sean Kakigi, and I am an audiologist at Hawaii Ear Clinic. I would like to express my support of Denby Rall, Au.D., serving a second term on the Hawaii Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sean Kakigi, Au.D., CCC-A