

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 588, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WALLACE KOJIMA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Wallace Kojima's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Kojima has been serving on the Board since July 1, 2019. He has been a practicing optometrist for over 30 years, the past 18 years of which were in his own practice, Wally Kojima, O.D. and Associates, in Kailua-Kona. He previously practiced on Oahu at Kojima and Sakamoto, O.D. Inc. in the 1980s. In addition, he has 15 years of optometry experience in California. His license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Kojima is a conscientious Board member and is familiar with the Board's responsibilities and tasks. He has attended 18 of 19 board meetings. He provides valuable insight and contributes to Board deliberations in a thoughtful and informed manner. The Board believes that the combination of Dr. Kojima's experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service continue to make him a strong choice for reappointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO