

Testimony of the Board of Hawaii Board of Optometry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Monday, March 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 633, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PETER SEARL,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

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 Peter Searl, O.D.'s reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Searl has held an optometry license in Hawaii since August 23, 2002, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has specialized in sports vision and concussion education since 2002. He has also worked as a pilot for Hawaii Airlines since 1992.

Dr. Searl has served on the Board since July 1, 2021, and has attended all of the scheduled meetings since his appointment. Dr. Searl has served as Vice-Chair of the Board since August 21, 2023.

Dr. Searl's commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the Community, along with his extensive experience as a licensed optometrist will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board and makes him a strong choice for reappointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.