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Regular Session of 2008

Thursday, March 6, 2008
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 319.

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 319, regarding the **reappointment** of Harriett Christina Baxendale to the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Baxendale's reappointment to the Board.

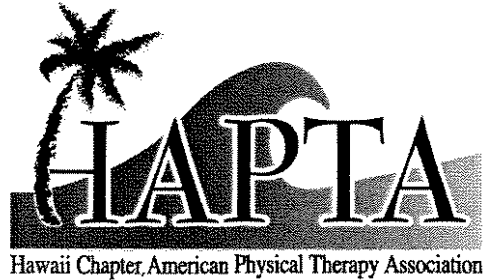
Ms. Baxendale is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed as a physical therapist since August 7, 1980 and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Baxendale has been serving as the Chair of the Board since July 2007 and prior to that, she served as the Board's Vice Chair from September 2005.

Ms. Baxendale's leadership abilities have enabled the Board to continue to make progress in discussions regarding amendments to the Board's administrative rules. Her knowledge of physical therapy practice issues, both on a local and national level, has enriched Board meeting discussions. Her thoughtful insights gained over many years of experience as a licensed physical therapist and her participation as the Board-appointed delegate to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy's annual meetings have made her a valuable asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Baxendale to the Board of Physical Therapy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Testimony By: Lucy Lessard
(Written Only)
GM 319: Harriet Christina Baxendale,
Board of Physical Therapy
Senate Committee on CPH
9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008
Room 016**



Position: Strong Support

Chair Kokubun and Members of the Senate Committee on CPH:

I am Lucy Lessard, P.T., member of the Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association, and Chair of the Legislative Committee. The Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association, which is comprised of 300 member physical therapists and physical therapist assistants employed in hospitals and health care facilities, the Department of Education school system, and private practice. We are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments. I am testifying on behalf of HAPTA.

Christina Baxendale has proven to be a knowledgeable consumer advocate during her first term of appointment, and will provide a sense of continuity for the Board of Physical Therapy during her second term. HAPTA believes that Christina Baxendale will continue to bring an impartial voice for the protection of the public interest and patient safety. She is conscientious, hard working, honest, and ethical. Licensed in California and Hawaii, she's been a PT since 1972, working in areas of home health, nursing home, inpatient and outpatient. This provides Ms. Baxendale with a broad understanding of the diversity of PT practice. Ms. Baxendale also has a strong background in clinical practice and administration and management issues.

She has served a term as HAPTA's Secretary and also served as the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee. Ms. Baxendale works at Pali Momi Medical Center, and is also involved with women's health care. She has served as an instructor of the Home Health Aide Program at Kapiolani Community College.

Your support of her confirmation is requested. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: Senator Russell S. Kokubun
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce Protection, & Affordable Housing
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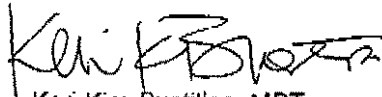
Re: Governor's Message No. 319: Nomination of Harriett Christina Baxendale to the Board of Physical Therapy

This letter of recommendation is on behalf of Harriet Christina Baxendale. I have known Harriet Baxendale since November 1996 and have had the opportunity to work with her in the acute care setting. Harriet is a conscientious therapist with attention to detail. She is always willing to help fulfill the needs of the department and is a very reliable and dependable therapist. Harriet is very knowledgeable in different aspects of therapy and is not afraid to try new opportunities and learn new skills. She has experience in physical therapy in the home care setting, skilled nursing setting, acute care setting, and is certified in Lymphedema therapy.

Harriet demonstrates a good working rapport with her co-workers as well as physicians and focuses her attention on patient education. Harriet demonstrates consistent work performance and always conducts herself professionally around her patients and her colleagues.

I would highly recommend Harriet for re-nomination to the physical therapy board based on her years of experience in the field and her positive work ethics.

Sincerely,



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