



GOV. MSG. NO. 185

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **MASSAGE THERAPY, Board of:**

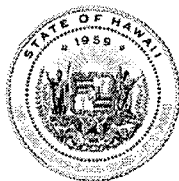
Rhonda C. Scott

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE



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LT. GOVERNOR

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2009

Thursday, February 25, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 185.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Massage Therapy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 185, regarding the **reappointment** of Rhonda C. Scott to the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Scott's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Scott has been licensed since 1988, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She has served on the Board as an industry member since July 2006, and was elected as the Vice Chair on November 1, 2006. Ms. Scott is a devoted member of the Board and has attended 20 of 24 meetings. She is familiar with all the

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issues facing the Board and takes the time to study and prepare for the meetings. Ms. Scott will continue to be an asset by contributing her time and energy to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Scott to the Board of Massage Therapy and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

October 19, 2009

TO: Honorable Governor Linda Lingle  
& State Boards and Commissions  
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**SUBJECT: Letter of Interest - Reappointment to Board of Massage Therapy**

Dear Governor Lingle & Board Commissioners,

It is with pleasure that I express my interest for re-appointment to the Board of Massage Therapy for the state of Hawaii. I've now served on the Board as Vice Chairperson since 2006, and I appreciate this opportunity re-introduce myself and my background to you.

I obtained my Bachelors' of Science degree in Kinesiology, and Masters in Business Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). To put myself through graduate school I taught undergraduate health and fitness courses, which lead to my interest in massage therapy as a field related to my educational background. After completing my MBA I remained in Los Angeles and worked for several years in hospital and health care management during the day, while completing massage therapy training in the evenings, obtaining my licensing, and starting my practice.

Then in the summer of 1987 an article I read in the local newspaper on developer Chris Hemmeter Sr. and The Westin Kauai Lagoons Resort (now a Marriott property), lead to a series of serendipitous events bringing me to Hawaii 3 months later to start up and manage the resorts' comprehensive spa - one of the first of its' kind for the state. I obtained my Hawaii massage therapy license in January of 1988, and upon moving to Oahu later that year maintained my interest and pursuits in both healthcare management and massage, gaining experience working as a therapist within medical and resort settings and as a private practitioner. Three years later in order to help alleviate the difficulty local therapists encountered in getting supplies and equipment, I opened The Massage Table Store (now dba The Massage Supply Co.). Currently in it's 19<sup>th</sup> year, the business continues to offer a variety of products and services including a quarterly newsletter distributed free of charge to over 3200 recipients throughout Hawaii.

My 21 years as a Hawaii licensed massage therapist, experience in business, and constant contact with massage therapists and other health practitioners throughout the state offers me a unique insight into the needs and concerns of my colleagues. This has served me well as I worked in conjunction with other Board members on typical matters relating to professional licensing, examination, adjudicatory concerns, and scope of practice issues, while also taking on the huge and serious task of updating the massage rules. The Board has now fine tuned a final draft - an important step in making Hawaii's regulations of massage therapy more aptly reflect the changes and advancements which currently impact the practice. I very much desire to see the process of the regulation update to completion, in addition to continuing to assist the massage profession through service on the Board. I ask for your support of my re-appointment, and appreciate your gracious time and attention.