



GOV. MSG. NO. 191

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 **PSYCHOLOGY, Board of:**

Frances Paulette Hackbarth

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 191.

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

My name is Ahlani Quiogue and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Psychology, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 191, regarding the **reappointment** of Frances P. Hackbarth to the Hawaii Board of Psychology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mrs. Hackbarth's reappointment to the Board.

Mrs. Hackbarth is being reappointed to the Board as a public member. She has served on the Board since July 1, 2006, and her extensive volunteer experience has enabled her to quickly understand the purpose of the Board and her role as a public

member. She is a reliable member and has excellent attendance at Board meetings. She comes to meetings well prepared, having read and reviewed all materials and documents provided to Board members prior to meetings. As a result, she contributes greatly to discussions ranging from psychologist sanctions to applicants' qualifications for licensure. By bringing her own knowledge, background and expertise to discussions, she offers a unique perspective to the Board. Her desire to continue to serve as a public member is commendable.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mrs. Hackbarth to the Hawaii Board of Psychology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Written Statement

1. Why do you want to continue as a member of this board?

There is quite a learning curve for someone who is a lay person in the field of Psychology. Since joining the Board in July of 2006, I've learned a lot since we've dealt with a wide range of applications and cases, including discipline. The norm for length of service has been eight years so I feel that I should and will be able to contribute for another four.

2. What is your perception of your role/responsibilities as a member of this board?

As a public member I feel that I should bring a another perspective to the board. Board decisions affect the public and I need to present the "public" point of view as well as that of the professionals on the board. My responsibilities include reviewing applications for licensure, participating in rules review/revision, evaluating proposed legislation, proscribing disciplinary actions for psychologists if warranted, et al.

3. Based on your experience, what are the major issues/concerns facing this board? What are your recommendations on how these issues should be addressed?

At this time the major issue facing the board is to complete rules revisions. We are now on draft 11 and the process has been ongoing for five years or so. We're close on this task.

I feel another issue of concern is pending legislation (e.g. prescriptive authority for psychologists, continuing education program) and the extra oversight the board will be required to perform if enacted. The board will be hard pressed to keep up with the additional responsibilities entailed with these actions or others in the future requiring additional monitoring. I recommend that we carefully evaluate impact on the board or future boards related to pending legislation as ability to enforce new programs should be considered.

Skills, Expertise, Knowledge, Qualifications

My strongest qualification for membership on the board is my first-term experience. I feel I've contributed and will be able to continue participation for the next term. Since I am retired I have been able to attend all but one meeting.

Through my professional career and volunteer experience I've been able to successfully work with people in every age group and in many walks of life. I also pay attention to detail and have organizational skills.