

GM 388



GOV. MSG. NO. 388

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 30, 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:

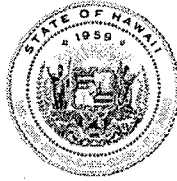
In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Massage Therapy**:

Olivia B. Nagashima

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE



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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 388.

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. 388, regarding the **reappointment** of Olivia B. Nagashima to the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Nagashima's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Nagashima has been licensed as a Hawaii massage therapist since 1996, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She has served on the Board as an industry member since August 2008. Ms. Nagashima is a devoted member of the Board and has attended 8 of 8 meetings. As an industry member she is familiar with both local and national issues facing the Board. Her knowledge of the laws and rules

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and the practice of massage therapy is invaluable as the Board attempts to amend its administrative rules to recognize the practice of massage therapy outside of the "normal four walls." Ms. Nagashima will continue to be an asset by contributing her time and energy to the Board.

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

November 3, 2009

Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you today to highly recommend that you confirm Ms. Olivia Nagashima for a permanent position on the Hawaii State Board of Massage Therapy. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Nagashima both professionally and personally over the past three years. She is highly dedicated to our profession as a massage therapist, business owner, teacher and advocate for the massage therapy profession. She is a valuable and highly respected member of the current Board of Massage therapy who diligent contributes to the governing decisions of the massage therapists of the State of Hawaii..

Ms Nagashima is a true team player yet she will voice her concerns at the appropriate forum to allow for the voice of the massage therapist to be heard. We are a changing profession with over 9000 active massage therapists in the State of Hawaii and we need someone of Ms. Nagashima's capability as a leader to represent us in the legislative and regulatory arenas of our profession. She will be a great asset to the Board of Massage Therapy and her dedication to the ethical standards and practice of massage therapy in the state of Hawaii will deliver a strong message to the public that massage therapy is a safe and therapeutic profession.

Sincerely,

Stephanie R. Pualani Gillespie RN, LMT, NCTMB

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National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork

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6 November 2009

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice-Chair
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

Aloha Madam/Sirs,

May I offer to you my recommendation of Ms. Olivia Nagashima for a permanent position on the Hawaii State Board of Massage Therapy.

Ms. Nagashima's dedication to the profession of Massage Therapy is recognized in her efforts to provide continuing education to the members of her professional group these past few years. Not only is she a great teacher, she also advocates for both professional and client. As a business owner, she brings the sensibility of order, as well as creativity, to enhance and further the growth of her profession.

Her ability to communicate and rally with other massage therapists throughout the islands is a great asset. Her influence with the massage therapists will create a forum that will appropriately address the needs and safety of both professional and public. She is also a progressive professional, someone who recognizes the climate of changing legislative and regulatory rules.

Should you need further recommendation for Ms. Nagashima, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo,



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January 18, 2010

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator David Y. Ige, Vice-Chair

Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

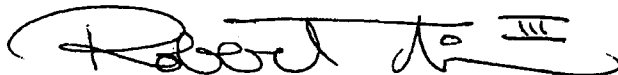
Dear Senators,

I am pleased to be writing this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Olivia Nagashima. I have known Olivia for over five years now and cannot think of a better candidate for a position on the Hawaii State Board of Massage Therapy.

She has on numerous occasions been an inspiration for me to advance my career in Massage. She is an excellent teacher with a wealth of knowledge in not only the field of Massage, but also in the areas of running a successful business. She advocates for the betterment of the profession and its progressive development into becoming a holistic healthcare field of medicine. She will by no doubt be a valuable asset to the board. I feel extremely comfortable having her as a voice representing all massage therapists that are currently embracing the wonderful science of health. I truly believe that massage cannot only heal the body, but can also heal the soul. If I were to chose one individual that best embodies this science it would be Olivia Nagashima.

For any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

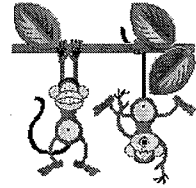
Sincerely,

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February 25, 2010

Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator David Y. Ige, Vice-Chair

Dear Sirs:

I have many mentors; however, Ms. Olivia Nagashima is one who stands out. She is well versed in massage therapy and provides a wealth of knowledge about the body including anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology. Ms. Nagashima demonstrates good ethics, provides support, and patience. She has been a wonderful educator, inspiration, and mentor in my massage therapy education.

Ms. Nagashima is multi-talented in many massage modalities, mortgage, real estate, and as an entrepreneur. In closing, she is a true asset to the massage industry in the State of Hawaii. We are fortunate that she is involved and active with massage therapy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna M. L. Ho'.

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April 5, 2010

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN)
Senate Confirmation Hearing

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice-Chair

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Ige:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you some background information about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawaii Massage Board.

I have been a licensed massage therapist since September 1996 and have been in practice as a sole proprietor for 13-1/2 years. I have established a successful practice and position of leadership in my professional association with American Massage Therapy Association-Hawaii Chapter as President. I have most recently been President of our chapter since 2005 and stepped down from position to fill a temporary position on the Hawaii State Massage Board in 2008. Other positions that I have held are Vice President, Membership Chair and Education Chair for our association.

I would like to bring my experience to help the board understand the situations in our professional community as well as the general public and use this information to aid the board in making binding decisions.

As a form of Alternative Health Care, massage therapy is fast becoming a choice of many consumers. It has also become a fast growing segment of practitioners/professional in the past decade on a national and international level with a wide range of standards. With this influx of practitioners, the Hawaii Massage Board is challenged with the task of ensuring that the licensees demonstrate a degree of competency through their education and abide by the laws that protect the general public.

The Hawaii Massage Board reviews situations that involve massage therapists and the well being of the general public which may challenge our laws and regulations. I can appreciate the roles and responsibilities of the board to maintain a position of neutrality when facing a diverse range of issues that challenge our laws, rules and regulations and be able to apply a consistent and fair interpretation of the law. I welcome this challenge to be a member of the board and provide my expertise in ensuring that consumer protection guidelines are adhered to.

As a past administrator of a non-profit organization, I bring my strengths in leadership, negotiations, logistics planning, co-ordination, delegation and the interest and ability to get all the facts before rendering a just decision. I ask for your support in my nomination to the Board of Massage Therapy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Olivia Nagashima, LMT