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GM687

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT KISSENBERGER, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Physical Therapy

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:15 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 687.

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

My name is Alan Taniguchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 687, regarding the **reappointment** of Robert Kissenberger to the Board of Physical Therapy. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Kissenberger's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Kissenberger is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since January 7, 2002, and his physical therapist license is current, active, and in good standing.

As a member of the Board, Mr. Kissenberger is willing to learn and not afraid to ask questions to gain a better understanding of various issues, which allows him to be an informative and active participant in meeting discussions. He is able to evaluate the issues facing the Board objectively, balancing the interests of consumers and licensees. He is also very diligent in responding to requests for input on the Board's recent rule amendments and other related matters. We believe that Mr. Kissenberger's continued service on the Board will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

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



Testimony by:
Ann Frost, PT
GM 687, Robert Kissenberger
Board of Physical Therapy Confirmation
Sen CPN, Weds. April 13, 2011
Room 229, 9:15 am

Position: Oppose

Chair Baker and Members of the Sen CPN Committee:

I am Ann Frost, P.T., President of the Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA) and member of HAPTA’s Legislative Committee. HAPTA represents 250 physical therapists and physical therapist assistants employed in hospitals, nursing homes, the Armed Forces, the Department of Education and Department of Health (DOH) systems, and private clinics throughout our community. Physical therapists work with everyone, from infants to the elderly, to restore and improve function and quality of life. We are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Physical therapy services are a vital part of restoring optimum function from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments, improving wellness, and teaching prevention.

HAPTA opposes Mr. Kissenberger’s renewed confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy. His term of service is appreciated.

However, over that period of time, a number of physical therapists have expressed concerns about his lack of preparedness for meetings and his communication style.

As such, HAPTA is unable to support his confirmation. We suggest that there are other candidates who are able to serve in the best interest of consumers and the physical therapy profession.

I can be reached at 382-2655 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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RE: Re-Nomination to the State Board of Physical Therapy

Dear Nominating Committee:

Thank you for considering me for re-nomination to the State Board of Physical Therapy. I am seeking re-nomination so that I can continue to actively contribute to the development of the physical therapy profession as well as provide oversight of the Public's best interest in regards to physical therapy services in Hawaii. As an overview of my professional qualifications, I am a Physical Therapist in private practice and have been serving the people of Hawaii for over 10 years. I believe that my experience as a private practitioner as well as a business owner provides me first hand understanding of the needs of the physical therapy profession as well as with the qualities of being a knowledgeable and responsible board member.

Thank you again for your consideration of me as a State Board of Physical Therapy Board Member.

Sincerely,

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