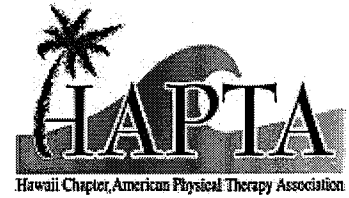


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**Palliative Care**  
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**Position: Support**

Chair Ige, and Members of the Sen WAM Committee:

I am Ann Frost, P.T., President of 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. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum function from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

HAPTA believes that the Auditor's review and recommendations for mandating coverage for palliative care will facilitate further discussions in the community about palliative care and further health insurance coverage.

As physical therapists, we are part of the team of clinicians that provide care to patients with severe chronic pain or acute pain originating from cancer or noncancerous conditions. As such, we offer our expertise whenever it is needed.

I can be reached at (808) 382-2655 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.