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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE & THE ARTS

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
8:30 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 221, REQUESTING
THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE REGULATION AND
LICENSURE OF MUSIC THERAPISTS.**

TO THE HONORABLE JESSICA WOOLEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on H.C.R. No. 221.

The concurrent resolution requests that the Auditor perform a sunrise review pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), of the licensure of music therapists, as proposed under Senate Bill No. 2451, introduced during the 2012 Regular Session. The Auditor's analysis would set forth the probable effects of the proposed

regulatory measure, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the purposes of section 26H-2, HRS, and assess alternate forms of regulation. The Department agrees that a sunrise review should be completed by the Auditor before music therapists are regulated.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on H.C.R. No. 221.

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Testimony for CUA 3/28/2012 8:30:00 AM HCR221

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Yoshimi Otake
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E-mail: yotake@soundingjoymt.org
Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

Regarding: HCR221
Hearing scheduled on 3/28/12 at 8:30am in room 329
by House Committee on Culture& the Arts

To whom it may concern:

Aloha. My name is Yoshimi Otake, a program coordinator at Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. I would like to share information about how we maintain our professionalism as a board certified music therapist. There is the national board certification and credentialing system already in place in the US, the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT). When we meet all the qualifications below, we will receive a title, MT-BC (Music Therapist - Board Certified)". The details of the qualification are below:

- Successful completion of an American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) approved academic and clinical training program.
- Successful completion of a written objective examination demonstrating current skills in the profession of music therapy.
- Recertification every five years through re-examination or upon the successful completion and documentation of 100 recertification credits, and through the completion of the CBMT Application for Recertification and payment of an annual certification maintenance fee.

We also have an organization called American Music Therapy Association (AMTA), which promotes the progressive development of the therapeutic use of music in rehabilitation, special education, and community settings. Since music therapists are strictly monitored by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), there is no need for the State to create licensing board for the music therapists.

For more information about the above organizations please visit the following website:

CBMT: www.cbmt.org

AMTA: www.musictherapy.org

This bill is extremely important to enhance people's quality of life in Hawaii. I appreciate your time reading this testimony and if you have any question, please feel free to contact me by call (808) 593-2620 or email at yotake@soundingjoymt.org

Sincerely,

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Comments:

Dear CUA Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members, As you have recently supported similar measures, please pass this measure unamended in support of music therapy licensure in Hawaii so that citizens will be able to receive professional music therapy services related to health and education.

Mahalo.

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Comments:

I strongly support the state licensure for music therapists, in order to protect and improve people's accessibility to music therapy in Hawaii. I also ask state legislators and auditors to seriously look into the current national board certification system, code of ethics, and educational and professional standards for music therapists in place. This will show how much the field of music therapy has been already regulated nationwide, suggesting not much cost implication to the state.