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9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 511.**

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

My name is Kenyatta Nichols 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. 511, regarding the appointment of George Davis, Jr. to the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Davis' appointment to the Board.

Mr. Davis is being appointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since September 20, 1996, and his massage therapist license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Davis was originally appointed to the Board in July 2012 as an interim member. Since his appointment to the Board, Mr. Davis attended every scheduled

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meeting, is always prepared and actively participates in discussions. We believe that Mr. Davis' continued service on the Board will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

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



February 18, 2013

Aloha Senator Baker:

This statement is in regards to my confirmation as a member of the Board of Massage Therapy. I received my license in 1998 (MAT 5011, MAE 2463) and am a full-time therapist specializing in pain management. I have been serving as an Interim member of the Board and would like to continue to serve because I feel it is important to have the input of professionals with a practical understanding of massage therapy contributing to the administration and creation of the laws, rules, and regulations that define my industry.

My perception of the primary roles of a Board member is to protect the public by making responsible decisions based on established rules and regulations, to help the industry maintain high professional standards, and to be a part of developing fair and equitable guidelines as they are needed.

This is my first experience on any type of state Board, although I did serve on my Homeowners Association for three years. As far as specific qualifications, I am a full-time practicing therapist and can contribute a perspective based on the realistic day-to-day requirements of a massage professional. In addition I have been successfully self-employed for 31 years in two separate professions, graphic design/illustration and massage therapy. This real life experience gives me the qualities of reliability, independent thinking, and sound decision making.

I am a new-comer to this position but I am willing to donate the time and energy venturing into unknown territory requires because it is a way to contribute to the overall good of my profession. I can't honestly say what I hope to accomplish as I haven't been involved long enough to know what is possible. The same can be said for conflicts of interest; I have no idea what kind of conflicts may arise but it seems that the only way to handle a conflict is to consult with the Boards attorney and, if necessary, excuse myself from being a part of any decisions involving that conflict.

I realize there may very well be someone out there who has had more experience than I have or present better qualifications, and if it is in the Boards best interest I'm willing to withdraw my nomination and let him/her have the appointment. However, I feel that, given the chance, I will be a positive influence on the Board and assure you that during the course of my term of service I will use fairness and common sense to help make judicious, unbiased and responsible decisions that are in the best interests of both the public and the profession.

Mahalo for your consideration,

George Davis, Jr.