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

Report Title: Board of Physical Therapy

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO 603

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

My name is Keali'i Lopez, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message: 603, regarding the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth McCreary to the Board of Physical Therapy.

Ms. McCreary's interest in service on the Board of Physical Therapy can be traced to her graduate studies in Physiology from the University of Hawaii John H. Burns School of Medicine to her co-authorship with Florence Kendall of three editions of the Physical Therapy text: *MUSCLES, Testing and Function with Posture and Pain* which is noted as a "renowned Classic provides unparalleled coverage of manual muscle testing, plus evaluation and treatment of faulty and painful postural conditions..."

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. McCreary to the Board of Physical Therapy and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this nomination to the Board of Physical Therapy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH MCCREARY

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?

Although It has not been my "wish" to be a member, I am flattered and honored to be asked to serve.

I am willing to serve, and I believe I can make a significant contribution because of my unique ties to Physical Therapy.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?

As the public member of the board, I would expect my role to be one of representing the layman's concerns and needs as they pertain to Physical Therapy. I feel a deep sense of responsibility to help maintain and improve standards of care and accessibility of services to the public.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

a. I am co-author of 3 editions of the classic Physical Therapy textbook, **MUSCLES TESTING AND FUNCTION WITH POSTURE AND PAIN**. This book is often referred to as the "Bible" for PTs.

b. Although I am not a PT, Physical Therapy has been a major part of my life. My parents were both Physical Therapy pioneers. I have access to a wealth of historical papers on PT issues since the beginnings of the profession.

c. I have attended numerous PT workshops and conventions as a guest and become familiar with many of the issues facing the profession today.

d. I testified in favor of Physical Therapy Direct Access for Hawaii several years ago.

e. I assisted with Physical Therapy workshops given by my mother, Florence P. Kendall, in Hawaii at Rehab Hospital, Kapiolani, and Tripler. I also accompanied her when she evaluated PT programs at Schofield and Tripler when she was consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army on musculo-skeletal matters.

f. I have recently assisted the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii in a pilot program for the brain-injured, and I am anxious to improve Hawaii access to therapy for the brain-injured.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

This is difficult to answer because I do not know what issues and problems will be encountered. I would hope to be a problem-solver and someone who advocates for the highest standards of care.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

Analytical, diplomatic, courageous

Good analysis is a prerequisite to good decision-making.

Diplomacy is essential to the smooth running of a board - especially when there are strong, differing views.

Courage is a necessity. A person must be willing to bring up difficult issues and take unpopular or "politically incorrect" stances when necessary.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

I have had experience serving on several other boards of non-profits in the past.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. If, however, one arises, I would advise the board and let them make a decision as to whether or not I should participate in that particular matter.

Elizabeth (Betsy) McCreary 2/01/13