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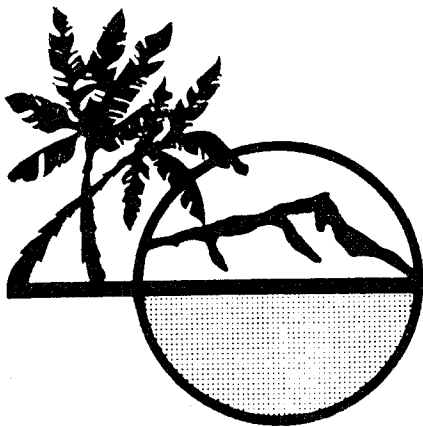
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Comments: Testimony attachment show efforts made 1995 for PTA Licensure on behalf of Department of Health, HAPTA and Mazie Hirono for House Rolution 407 back in March 1989. This more so shows reason NOW is the time to pass License.

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September 15, 1989

Mr. Henry Lee
Executive Secretary
Board of Physical Therapy
Box 3469
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA) is in support of the measure to establish guidelines for the supervision of physical therapist assistants and licensure of these graduates of an accredited technical education program. This would require amending Chapter 461J to include the licensure of PTA's under the Physical Therapy practice act.

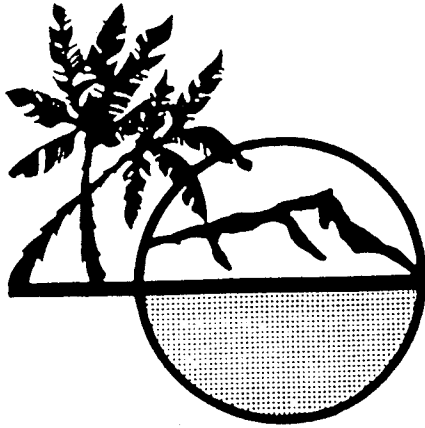
The physical therapist assistant (PTA) is directly involved in the practice of physical therapy implementing treatment designed by the physical therapist (PT). The PTA is trained in treatment procedures and in the proper use of equipment such as ultrasound and electrical stimulation for the injured and/or disabled public seeking Physical Therapy services. HICFA also recognizes PT's and PTA's as the only providers of PT services for which it reimburses. Regulation by licensure would reduce consumer confusion. Third party payers would also be assured of quality services being provided to their beneficiaries. Thirty five states currently recognize this need and have established practice acts that regulate the licensure of PTA's.

In addition to licensure of the PTA, HAPTA supports definitive guidelines for supervision of all support personnel. HAPTA recommends the Board adopt current APTA policies as appended to this testimony. HAPTA wants to emphasize the difference in offsite supervision allowed for the PTA versus onsite supervision required for other PT support personnel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Herbert Yee, MS PT
President
Hawaii Chapter of the American
Physical Therapy Association



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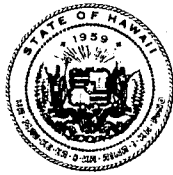
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 391/HR407

On behalf of Herbert Yee, President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA) the association supports the purpose of HCR 391/HR 407 in its current form.

The association recognizes the value in appropriate use of the physical therapist assistant (PTA) as many of our members are actively involved in PTA education. HAPTA would like to see the national standards reflected in PTA licensing in Hawaii.

Licensing of PTA's is a means of achieving service accessibility and high clinical standards for the healthcare consumers of the state.


Marilyn S. Miller, M.A., P.T.
Legislative Chairperson HAPTA
April 12, 1989



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I look forward to hearing from you concerning your review. If I can be of help in any way, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

MAZIE HIRONO
State Representative
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JOHN WAIHEE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



JOHN C. LEWIN, M.D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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In reply, please refer to:
File: 89-186

February 27, 1989

Mr. Herb Yee, President
Hawaii Chapter
American Physical Therapy Association
1360 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Yee:

I have reviewed your letter dated January 31, 1989, and your specific concerns about our School Health Support Services Section and the position which supervises that section.

Our management representatives will assess the duties, responsibilities, knowledges, skills and abilities required of that position to determine if any modifications to that position should be made. If there is a need to change the nature of the work and the qualification requirements of that position, we will take whatever steps necessary to effect those changes.

I appreciate your comments and concerns and will consider them in our review of that position.

Please call Henry Takeshita, Personnel Officer, at 548-6587 if you have any quesitons.

Very truly yours,

JOHN C. LEWIN, M.D.
Director of Health

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO DEVELOP ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REGARDING THE SUPERVISION AND UTILIZATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS AND TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO HAWAII REVISED STATUTES TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS.

WHEREAS, there is a statewide and nationwide shortage of many health professionals and paraprofessionals, including both physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, which threatens to affect the future of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, there is the potential of harm to consumers from the use of certain procedures by physical therapist assistants without licensure of physical therapist assistants which would help ensure consumer safety by limiting performance of these treatments to persons educated to a certified level of clinical competency, and

WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants perform an invaluable service to society by treating and rehabilitating patients who were born with a disability or who are disabled as a result of an accident or illness; and

WHEREAS, physical therapist assistants are graduates of two year accredited college programs, follow treatment plans developed by physical therapists and must be supervised by licensed physical therapists; and

WHEREAS, physical therapist assistants perform many types of delegated tasks, including those which physical therapists also perform unaided, including cryotherapy, applied heat, ultrasound, electrotherapy, shortwave diathermy and other procedures; and

WHEREAS, the extent to which the physical therapist assistant is involved in treatment depends, in part, on state licensure regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is no training program for physical therapists in Hawaii, but there is a physical therapist assistant training program which began in 1988 at Kapiolani Community College, but graduates of this program must travel to the mainland to take the licensing examination; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty states require licensing by national examination for physical therapist assistants, but Hawaii does not, despite a trend toward increased utilization of para-professionals in many fields and particularly in the medical or health-related professions, according to a 1984 Legislative Reference Bureau study; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1989, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs develop, under the administrative rules governing physical therapy practice, rules to include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Supervision of the physical therapist assistant which reflects the guidelines of the American Physical Therapy Association Guide for Ethical Conduct; and
- (2) Policies of utilization of the physical therapist assistants as defined by the Health Care Financing administration and the American Physical Therapy Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department prepare amendments to Chapter 461J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide for licensing of physical therapist assistants by national examination administered in Hawaii in conjunction with the physical therapy licensing exam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department submit a report to the Hawaii State Legislature no later than twenty working days before the start of the 1990 Legislative Session.

OFFERED BY: James T. Ho

Roland M. Kotani
Amy M. Lubb

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
2:30 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 843, H.D. 1, RELATING TO PHYSICAL
THERAPY.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Michael Turner, PT, Vice Chair for the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 843, H.D. 1, Relating to Physical Therapy, which is an Administration bill.

The purpose of the bill is to regulate physical therapist assistants ("PTAs") and to limit the use of certain titles. The bill also requires that the regulated PTAs obtain the appropriate education and training background and obtain a license to work in the State. This will be accomplished by adding two new sections to chapter 461J, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), and amending sections 461J-1, 461J-2, 461J-3, 461J-4, and 461J-6(a), HRS.

The Board is in full support of this bill. The Board feels that licensure is appropriate for PTAs because it is the highest form of regulation that guarantees public protection for consumers.

Hawaii is currently the only state in the country that does not regulate PTAs. Forty-one states currently license PTAs, and eight states certify PTAs. Licensure will

ensure that physical therapist (“PT”) and PTA regulations are consistent with other states. PTAs are already recognized in the existing PT rules, and supervision and scope of practice is addressed in the current rules. The specific licensure of PTAs will ensure that the practice of PTAs is subject to regulatory oversight to ensure compliance with existing laws and rules. It is estimated that there are approximately 1,400 PTs and 200 PTAs working in Hawaii.

A sunrise review on a proposal to regulate PTAs was conducted in 1995 by the Auditor’s Office, as mandated by section 26H-6, HRS. In 1995, 41 other states regulated physical therapist assistants. The analysis concluded that regulation of PTAs was not warranted because they found no documented evidence of harm to the public caused by PTAs in Hawaii. However, since the time of the sunrise study, PTA involvement in patient care has grown and is likely to continue to grow. Because PTAs are being used more to provide health care services, the Board believes that licensure is appropriate at this time.

In order to implement the licensure of approximately 200 physical therapist assistants, an appropriation of \$40,000 from the compliance resolution fund is being requested. Upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period, each licensee will be assessed a \$100 surcharge in addition to the normal licensing fees. Once the collection of \$40,000 is received, the assessment of the surcharge shall cease.

We respectfully request your support for this Administration bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**H.B. 843, H.D.1 Relating to Physical Therapy
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
February 13, 2013, 2:30 p.m.
Room 325**

My name is Lucy Lessard, I am a physical therapist and the Manager of Inpatient Rehabilitation Services at The Queen's Medical Center. I would like to provide testimony in **support** of H.B. 843, Relating to Physical Therapy.

The Queen's Medical Center is the leading medical referral center in the Pacific Basin and offers a comprehensive range of primary and specialized care services, including acute care physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech language therapy. As the only Level II Trauma Center and only The Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center and Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Center in the State of Hawaii, we specialize in the care of complex trauma, stroke, and orthopedics patients.

The Queen's Medical Center employs physical therapist assistants throughout our acute care and skilled nursing units. They provide a valuable service to our patients and work alongside physical therapists and other professionals as part of the multidisciplinary team. Hawaii has a school that trains physical therapy assistants, but there is an island-wide shortage of these therapists. We currently have 4 unfilled positions for physical therapist assistants in our department and need to employ therapists from the mainland.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation where physical therapist assistants are not licensed. Without oversight of a Hawaii state licensing board, we are at risk of attracting those who wish to remain undetected by a licensing board. Having all of our physical therapist assistants licensed will provide the oversight needed and deter those few individuals who should not be practicing in the profession. In addition, nation-wide Medicare rules require that only licensed personnel treat Medicare patients, who are often the most vulnerable members of society. Without local licensing, we can only hire physical therapist assistants who are licensed in other jurisdictions – for example, California. This prevents our local new graduates from accessing work in our state unless they seek licensing in a state where they potentially will not practice. Unfortunately, it is felt that this leads to a drain of talent to other states and compounds our shortage of personnel.

The Queen's Medical Center urges you to pass H.B. 843, and appreciates the opportunity to express our support. I am available to respond to questions and can be reached at 691-8940 or llessard@queens.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Ann Low [alow@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2013 8:51 PM
To: Rep. Angus McKelvey
Subject: Bill HB 843

Dear Mr McKelvey

I am contacting you, to urge your support of HB 843. This important legislation would provide for licensure of physical therapist assistants (PTAs). The Hawaii Physical Therapy Association strongly SUPPORTS HB 843.

HB 843 passed UNANIMOUSLY from the Health Committee and has been referred to the House Consumer Protection Committee. I respectfully ask that HB 843 be scheduled for a hearing in the House Consumer Protection Committee as soon as possible.

Hawaii is currently the only state that does not regulate physical therapist assistants. Licensure is needed for physical therapist assistants in Hawaii in order to protect the public and ensure consumer safety and quality care

Physical therapist assistants graduate from nationally accredited programs with an Associate of Science degree. The legislation will protect against unregulated physical therapist assistants working in Hawaii or relocating to work here from the other 49 states that do require regulation/licensing. In addition, licensure will increase the accountability of physical therapist assistants by making complaints reportable to the Board of Physical Therapy, who would then be responsible for the appropriate disciplinary action.

Effective 2010 Medicare has required that any physical therapist assistant that treats Medicare patients must be licensed. Presently those physical therapist assistants treating Medicare patients are licensed in other states sending their licensing fees out of state.

Again, I urge you to support HB 843 and that it be heard in the House Consumer Protection Committee – it's time for Hawaii to join the other 49 states in regulating PTAs.

Mahalo.

Ann M. Low PT. MCSP

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Testimony by Herbert Yee, PT

HB 843

House Consumer Protection Committee

Friday, February 1, 2013

Position: Support

Chair McKelvey and Members of the House Consumer Protection Committee:

I am Herbert Yee, PT, representing the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. HAPTA represents 275 physical therapists (PT's) and physical therapist assistants (PTA's) employed in hospitals, nursing homes, the Armed Forces, the Department of Education and Department of Health systems, and private clinics throughout our community. We provide rehabilitative services everyone, from infants to the elderly, to restore and improve function and quality of life. These services are a vital part of restoring optimal function after neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

Since last reviewed in 1995, the number of physical therapist assistants in practice in Hawaii has grown from about 30 at that time to well over 200 today. Physical therapy assistants are members of the interdisciplinary team that treats patients in a variety of settings. With the growth of our aging population there has been a large demand for physical therapy services which include those services provided by assistants. Although physical therapy assistants work under the supervision of a physical therapist, there is the need for regulatory oversight. Licensing physical therapist assistants will increase accountability by making complaints reportable to the Board of Physical Therapy. Licensure will allow for disciplinary action of physical therapist assistants by the Board of Physical Therapy.

Hawaii is currently the only jurisdiction that does not regulate this aspect of physical therapy care. Medicare, the major payer for eldercare, has required all treatment be performed by licensed personnel. By not licensing physical therapist assistants in Hawaii it is necessary for personnel to seek licensure in other jurisdictions in order to work in Hawaii. Along with the accountability issues, this hurdle for employment adds to the shortage of these necessary professionals and creates a "bottle neck" in the efficiency of the service delivery. If you have any questions, I can be reached at: herb@hawaii.rr.com . On behalf of HAPTA, I thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Yee, PT



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

1360 S. Beretania St., Suite 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Testimony by:

Avis Sakata, OTR

HB 843hd1, Relating to Physical Therapy

House CPC Hearing – Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013

Room 325 –2:30 pm

Position: Support Intent

Chair McKelvey, and Members of the House CPC Committee:

I am Avis Sakata, OTR and president of the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii, (OTAH), which represents 507 occupational therapists (OTs) licensed in Hawaii. OT's work in many settings throughout the State, including hospitals, schools, prisons, skilled nursing to private facilities and community-based programs.

Occupational Therapists are recognized members of the Healthcare Rehabilitation team which is comprised also of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, social workers and others. As a healthcare provider, OTs provide, but are not limited to: 1) assessment and evaluation of our patients/clients needs and development of an appropriate treatment plan, 2) interventions focused on daily living skills (including self-care), work readiness, play or educational performance skills, 3) and interventions that include sensorimotor, neuromuscular functioning, cognitive or psychosocial components.

OTAH supports the intent of HB 843hd1 which seeks to regulate the use of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and to ensure completion of appropriate education, training and national examination for licensure in Hawaii. This assures Hawaii consumers that they receive care from appropriately trained and educated PTAs under the supervision of the licensed physical therapist.

Medicare guidelines (Reference 42CFR 484.4) indicates that in order for PTA's to provide services to Medicare beneficiaries, the PTA must have

- o graduated on or before December 31, 2009, from a 2-year college-level program approved by the APTA or CAPTE; or
- o effective January 1, 2010, those PTAs must have both graduated from a CAPTE approved curriculum and passed a national examination for PTAs, hence the December 31, 2014 date indicated in the bill is appropriate.

I can be reached at 522-4602 if further information is needed. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

In support of HB 843 HD1 Relating to Physical Therapy

Aloha!

My name is Lisa Isono, and I am a Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA). I am speaking on behalf of Ho'okahi Leo: Physical Therapist Assistants of Hawaii, the official professional organization for PTAs (Physical Therapy Assistants). We respectfully request your support of this measure to recognize and require the licensure of PTAs.

- Currently, Hawai'i is the ONLY State not requiring PTA licensure
- We are asking that our profession be regulated through legislative mandate for proper schooling and continuing professional education to uphold the integrity of the practice of Physical Therapy.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this important legislation,

Lisa Isono, LPTA

Ho'okahi Leo: Physical Therapist Assistants of Hawaii

Consumer Protection & Commerce

HB843, HD1 (HSCR56) Relating to Licensure of Physical Therapist Assistants

Chairperson: Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey,

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Ken Ito, Chris Lee, Clift Tsuji, Ryan I. Yamane,

Bob McDermott and Cynthia Thielen

Aloha!

My name is Celeste Van Treese-Osaki, and I am a Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA). I am speaking on behalf of Ho'okahi Leo: Physical Therapist Assistants of Hawaii, the official professional organization for PTAs (Physical Therapy Assistants). We respectfully request your support of this measure to recognize and require the licensure of PTAs.

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Celeste Van Treese-Osaki, LPTA

Ho'okahi Leo: Physical Therapist Assistants of Hawaii

I support this bill! Legislation requiring the license of Physical Therapist Assistants is important for the recognition of this profession. It is important to set a standard to achieve and maintain to ensure quality of care delivered by Physical Therapist Assistants. At the present time, Hawaii is the only state that does not outline specific requirements for Physical Therapist assistants to practice.

James S. Coco DPT, PT, ATC

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Subject: Aaron Miller PTA licensing letter

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a PTA student graduating from KCC on August 11th 2012. I am planning on taking the PTA licensing exam in January 2013. My first choice would be to take a Hawaii state exam, but since there is not one I will be taking the California exam. I think by making the exam mandatory in Hawaii PTA's will become a more legitimate profession. Also, making the test mandatory will help PTA's brush up on all of the information they may not remember as well. My plans are to stay in Hawaii for at least 3 more years and work in either a SNF or an acute care facility.

Best regards,

Aaron Miller

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Kevin Massey, LPTA Arizona	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: Support Ho'okahi Leo for Licensure PTA in HI

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Comments: Please regulate License for PTAs graduating from KCC- former student of KCC program

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Comments: awaiting Licensure in HI

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Elizabeth Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an Accupunturist at Tripler Army Medical Center- Interdisciplinary Pain Clinic , I support the need for LICENSED Physical Therapist Assistants in the State of Hawaii.

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Dave Newman, DPT of Pain Clinic TAMC	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TAMC- IPMC new hires of DoD mandatory License Providers will be hired from here on.

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Comments: Physical Therapist at Pali Momi Hospital

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Candice B Turner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, I have worked in healthcare for over 15 years and have seen many changes both for the good and to the detriment of quality of care. What I find to be the most troubling development has been the influx of poorly trained para-professional staff in the nursing, physician, and rehabilitation fields, largely due to staffing shortages for professionals. While decreasing the number of skilled professionals, we professionals are attempting to manage higher volumes, sicker patients, less compliance, and less reimbursement. As an independently licensed practitioner, I rely on the skill and knowledge of my support staff, and am responsible for the care they provide. While I have confidence with my current employer and support staff, I cannot say with any certainty that I will find the same quality of care at other rehabilitation facilities in Hawaii due to inconsistencies in the education, training, and availability of para-professional staff . Failing to license Physical Therapy Assistants in Hawaii has limited the quality of support staff, and undermines the professionalism and quality of care of rehabilitation professionals. It is my opinion that licensure for Physical Therapy Assistants in Hawaii is long overdue. Sincerely, Candice B Turner, PT, MSPT

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Dear Committee of Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am writing to you in support of HB 843 regarding Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) licensing. I have been practicing as a PTA in Hawai'i for 10 years. Licensure for PTAs is long overdue. State licensure for PTAs ensures public protection, accountability, and will bring Hawaii in-line with the rest of the country. Hawaii is currently the only state that does not regulate physical therapist assistants. PTAs provide treatment to patients in many practice settings such as hospitals, retirement facilities, schools and home health. PTAs also serve many different patient populations, including children, athletes and the elderly. Licensure is needed for physical therapist assistants in Hawaii to protect the public and ensure consumer safety. According to the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 16, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Chapter 110 Physical Therapy, the definition of a 'physical therapist' supports HB 843's written language. Passing of this bill will protect against unqualified individuals from working in Hawai'i as a PTA or those relocating to work here from other states that require licensure. In addition, licensure will increase the accountability of physical therapist assistants by making complaints reportable to the Board of Physical Therapy. Licensure will allow the State Board of Physical Therapy to take disciplinary action against physical therapist assistants who violate the law or cause patient harm.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of HB 843.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ulibas, PTA, LMT
Hawai'i Resident and Registered Voter

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Michael Sohn	Individual	Support	No

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Mr. McKelvey,

I am in favor of HB 843 as it relates to the licensure of Physical Therapy Assistants in Hawaii. It is long overdue. The passing of this bill will only enhance the ability of Hawaii to retain its very own PTAs to take care of Hawaiian residents.

V/R

Paul Giddens
SGT, USA
Physical Therapy Technician

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