



# THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

**House Health Committee**

February 1, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

**In support of H.B. 844, Relating to Physical Therapy**

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee:

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 HB 844, 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 a large number of physical therapists throughout our acute care and skilled nursing units. They provide a necessary service to our patients and are valuable members of the multidisciplinary team. However, Hawaii is one of only three states that do not have statutory language which authorized the state board of physical therapy to require some form of continued competence for licensees. This means that there is no regulation which ensures that physical therapists maintain current, relevant, and competent while working as physical therapists. The physical therapy profession continues to evolve and change and newer, better and more efficient treatment options continue to be developed. At The Queen's Medical Center, we strive to be the leading edge of health care in the state, and ensuring continued physical therapy competence and education will support our goal.

The Queen's Medical Center urges you to pass H.B. 844, 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.

Lucy Lessard, PT  
Manager, Rehabilitation Services  
The Queen's Medical Center

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Continuing Education  
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Aloha.... Ho'okahi Leo is seeking support to House BILL 843 and Senate Bill 1074 Introduced today that will change the future of Physical Therapy in HAWAII. We need your support more than EVER...ever.

House Speaker Joe Souki introduced the house bill 843 and Senate President Donna Mercado Kim introduced it as Senate Bill 1074 Both versions are assigned to committees for hearing and revision, finance review and the vote by the ENTIRE House and Senate. Testimony can now be made via Internet. We need to solicit your support to PASS this Bill into LAW!

HB843 link

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=843&year=2013](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=843&year=2013)

Senate version link is SB1074

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If you feel you need support and more info please call any member of Ho'okahi Leo or email us. We have a next meeting in Aiea, February 4th Monday 630pm to rally our strategies.

Mahalo plenty,  
Cris Kani'aupi'o ,LPTA  
Future Hawaii Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant



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**HB844**

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Testimony for HLT on Feb 1, 2013 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kurt Hanson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm against licenser of occupations - why would a physical therapist need to be licensed? Milton Friedman was against licenses as they give control of occupations to the state and diminish the free market. "No licensure of physicians," because that would help to "reduce and eliminate the monopoly power of the American Medical Association. That monopoly power is derived almost entirely from the fact that the practice of medicine is an activity which can be engaged in by only those who have licenses from government. And the control over that licensure procedure is what has enabled the AMA to exercise its monopoly power for these many decades." Milton Friedman.

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