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TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2014

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2472 S.D.2 H.D.1
RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, VICE-CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2472 S.D.2 H.D.1, Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice. My name is Daria Loy-Goto, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers the following comments on the bill, including requested amendments.

Senate Bill No. 2472 S.D.2 H.D.1 creates an occupational therapy program within the Department and provides for the licensure of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. As currently drafted, the bill would impact RICO's ability to enforce the provisions of Chapter 457G, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), particularly as to unlicensed conduct. To address these issues and improve RICO's enforcement of the occupational therapy program, RICO proposes the following amendments to the bill:

1. Add a new subsection (d) on page 12, at line 3, as follows:

"(d) Any licensee or applicant who violates this section also may be fined not more than \$1,000 per violation."

This amendment would make clear that the Department's Director is authorized to impose a fine, in addition to other disciplinary action, for conduct listed in §457G-G(a).

2. Amend two definitions on page 12, lines 10-14, as follows:

"Occupational therapist" means a person who engages in the practice of occupational therapy in this State.

"Occupational therapist assistant" means a person who engages in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership with an occupational therapist."

These revisions clarify that any person engaging in the practice of occupational therapy, either licensed or unlicensed, would be subject to Chapter 457G, HRS.

3. Amend line 11 on page 20 to read as follows:

(b) No person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy...

This amendment is necessary for consistency with the revised definition of "occupational therapist."

4. Amend lines 5-6 on page 21 to read as follows:

(d)...provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership an occupational therapist...

This amendment is necessary for consistency with the revised definition of "occupational therapist assistant."

5. Add a new section to read as follows:

"§457G- License required. (a) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy or use the title "licensed occupational therapist" or "occupational therapist" without a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership with an occupational therapist or use the title "licensed occupational therapist assistant" or "occupational therapist assistant" without a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 per violation. "

The new section clarifies that engaging in the practice of occupational therapy as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant requires a license and imposes fines for unlicensed conduct.

6. Amend Section 6 on page 22, lines 9-18, to read as follows:

SECTION 6. Section 457G-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

~~["§457G-4] Civil penalty. Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be fined a sum of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 for each violation, which sum shall be collected in a civil action brought by the attorney general or the director of the office of consumer protection on behalf of the State."~~

Section 457G-4, HRS, is no longer necessary, given that fine provisions

would be added to §457G-G, HRS, and in a new section.

RICO believes that these amendments will enhance its ability to enforce Chapter 457G, HRS, and respectfully requests that the Committee adopt these amendments. RICO has shared its proposed amendments with the Department's Occupational Therapy Program and the President of the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii and has received no objections to the amendments.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2472 S.D.2. H.D.1. I will be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Committee may have.



March 17, 2014

TO: Representative Angus McKelvey – Chair, Committee on Health

RE: SB2472, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 - Conference Room 325 – 2:10 p.m.

I am Avis Sakata, OTR, President of the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii (OTAH) which represents over 560 occupational therapists (OTR) and 125 occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii. Occupational Therapy practitioners are employed in many settings throughout the State, including hospitals, schools, skilled nursing facilities, Veterans Administration, Tripler Army Medical Center, mental health and community-based programs to name a few.

Occupational Therapy is a science driven, evidence-based health care profession that focuses on helping people of all ages, regain, develop, or maximize everyday skills in order to live independent and productive lives. Occupational Therapy services are provided for the purpose of promoting health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disability or condition. Occupational therapy also addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory and other aspects of performance to support engagement in everyday life activities.

Occupational Therapy practitioners are recognized members of the healthcare rehabilitation and/or educational team which may be comprised of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, social workers, case managers, teachers and others. As a healthcare provider, occupational therapy practitioners :1) assess and evaluate our patients/clients needs and develop an appropriate treatment plan; 2) interventions are focused on daily living skills, work readiness, play or educational performance skills; 3) and interventions include sensorimotor, neuromuscular, cognitive or psychosocial components.

Occupational therapists possess either Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degrees while occupational therapy assistants graduate with an Associates Degree. Both the occupational therapist and assistant work collaboratively in providing rehabilitation services to their patients and clients.

Occupational therapists (OTR) are currently regulated by Chapter 457G – registration, however, licensure would ensure the highest degree of government regulation that would safeguard the public’s health, safety and welfare. Hawaii is the last state to gain licensure regulation for occupational therapists and the last of three states for occupational therapy assistants. Licensure will also protect your constituents from incompetent persons and persons who are not qualified to perform occupational therapy services and require the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of the occupational therapy practitioners. In addition, the intent of this bill is taking a proactive approach in protecting the consumer via providing government oversight versus being reactive and moving forth with legislation only after harm or unethical practices have occurred. Lastly, licensure would ensure the consumer access to occupational therapy benefits or services as the majority of health insurance carriers recognize services provided by “licensed” professionals.

We strongly support SB2472, SD2, HD1 that will provide for licensure of both occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants and would further define the scope of practice of Occupational Therapy. OTAH has worked in collaboration with Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer for Occupational Therapy on this bill. We are also aware that RICO is proposing amendments to this bill so that the language is consistent with other regulated professional practices. OTAH is in agreement with the following amendments:

Page 12, line 3: Add new subsection (d) to read as follows: (d) Any licensee or applicant who violates this section also may be fined not more than \$1000 per violation.

Page 12, line 10-11: “Occupational therapist” means a person who is licensed to engages in the practice of occupational therapy in this State.

Page 12, line 12-13: “Occupational therapy assistant” means a person who is licensed to engages in the practice occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership with an occupational therapist.

Page 20, line 11: (b) No person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy gratuitously...

Page 21, line 5-6: (d) Effective January 1, 2017, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership with an occupational therapist or represent the person's self as being able to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in this State without possessing a valid license issued by the director in accordance with this chapter.

Page 22, lines 9-18: Repeal Section 6. Section 457-G4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Add new section:

457-G License required. (a) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy or use the title "licensed occupational therapist" or "occupational therapist" without a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter.

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(c) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1000 per violation.

We ask that you and your committee look favorably on passage of SB 2472, SD2, HD1. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 522-4602.

Sincerely,

Avis Sakata, OTR
President, Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii
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March 18, 2014

The Honorable Angus McKelvey
Chair, House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 320

The Honorable Derek Kawakami
Vice Chair, House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 314

RE: Senate Bill 2472, SD 2 HD 1 - Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

Dear Representative McKelvey and Representative Kawakami;

On behalf of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) I am writing in support of SB 2472, to revise the state occupational therapy practice act. The purpose of the bill is to safeguard public health, safety, and welfare; protect the public from incompetent, unethical or unauthorized persons; assure a high level of professional conduct on the part of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants; and assure the availability of high quality Occupational Therapy services to persons in need of such services.

We are hopeful that Hawaii will become the 50th and final state to license occupational therapists should the bill be signed into law in 2014. Occupational therapists are currently licensed in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico while occupational therapy assistants are licensed in 47 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. AOTA fully supports this licensure effort and urges your committee to join with your Senate colleagues in supporting and passing SB 2472.

AOTA is the national professional association representing the interests of more than 140,000 occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and students of occupational therapy. The practice of occupational therapy is science-driven, evidence-based, and enables people of all ages to live life to its fullest by promoting health and minimizing the functional effects of illness, injury, and disability.

Thank you for supporting this important legislation. Please contact me at jveverka@aota.org if you have questions or need additional information about AOTA's position on this legislation or the practice of occupational therapy.

Sincerely;



Josh Veverka
State Policy Analyst

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Comments: The Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association supports SB 2472 in the interest of increasing public protection and safety for patients as well as increasing the ability to enforce regulations designed to minimize unsafe or unethical practice.

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The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson, Executive Director
Philanthropy & Government Relations

Re: SB 2472 SD2, HD1; Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

Testimony in Support

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Executive Director of Philanthropy & Government Relations for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 6,300 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

Hawai'i Pacific Health supports SB 2472 SD2, HD1 which establishes licensing requirements and improves the regulation of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

Occupational therapists play an essential role in providing rehabilitative treatment for patients with permanent disabilities, chronic pain, and terminally ill patients of all ages. Given the impact that occupational therapy has on the quality of life of our patients, we believe licensing is necessary to ensure that workforce standards are established and continuously maintained.

We ask for your help and support in passing SB 2472 SD2 from this committee. Thank you.



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S.B. 2472, SD2, HD1
Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
March 19, 2014; 2:10 p.m.

In support of S.B. 2472, SD2, HD1 Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

My name is Lucy Lessard, I am the Manager of Inpatient Rehabilitation Services at The Queen's Medical Center. I would like to provide testimony in support of S.B. 2472, SD2, HD1 Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice.

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 occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants throughout our acute care and skilled nursing units. They provide a valuable service to our patients and work alongside other professionals as part of the multidisciplinary team.

Hawaii is the only state that does not currently license occupational therapists and is one of 3 remaining states that do not license occupational therapy assistants. The State of Hawaii educates occupational therapy assistants; however all occupational therapists are educated on the mainland. The licensure of these professionals is necessary to ensure the highest form of oversight in order to protect the public from unqualified individuals, employers from hiring those individuals and to raise the quality of occupational therapy services to equal that which is found on the mainland.

We understand that there are ongoing discussions between the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii in revising the proposal. The Queen's Medical Center is supportive of that dialog and urges passage of S.B. 2472, SD2, HD1 so that those exchanges may continue to further develop this measure. I am available to respond to questions and can be reached at 691-8940 or llessard@queens.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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

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Date: 03/18/14

To: Honorable Chair Representative Angus McKelvey of the House Consumer Protection Committee

Honorable Vice Chair Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami of the House Consumer Protection Committee

Hearing: Wednesday, 03/19/14
2:10 p.m.
Conference Room 314

Re: SB2472, SD2, HD1
Relating to Occupational Therapy

We are Occupational Therapists employed at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Outpatient Services. We strongly support SB2472, SD2, HD1 to license both Occupational Therapists (OTR) and Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation that does not license Occupational Therapists. Hawaii is one of three states that do not license Occupational Therapy Assistants.

At Kaiser Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, the Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants provide vital therapy services to patients who are recovering from traumatic orthopedic injuries, delicate and specific post-operative procedures, brain injuries, strokes, etc. We also provide work simulation services to those workers who were injured on the job and are in need of learning to safely return to their jobs.

We face constant challenges on a daily basis and require providers of Occupational Therapy services to anticipate the probabilities of developing and managing post-op surgical tissue healing, avoiding any development of infection, neurological changes that would indicate that there might be something more occurring in the brain, etc.

We strongly feel that licensure provides the highest form of government oversight and will continue to: 1) Safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare; 2) Protect those seeking Occupational Therapy services from the incompetent persons and persons not qualified to perform these services; 3) Require the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants, and 4) Provide the highest quality of Occupational Therapy services in Hawaii. The bill will further define the scope of Occupational Therapy practice.

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Please support the passage of SB2472, SD2, HD1 which would provide full licensure for both Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants in Hawaii. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cathy Collado, OT, at catherine.collado@kp.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in favor of SB 2472, SD2.

Sincerely,

Cathy Collado, OT

Kathy Taira, OT

Wendy Aruga-Goto, OT

Kara Crosson, OT

Sarah Yokote, OTA

Jeffrey Chang, OTA



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Hearing:

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RE: SB2472,SD2, HD1 Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

I strongly support SB2472, SD2, HD1 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii. At Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are an integral part in the rehabilitation process.

The occupational therapy practitioners provide services to inpatients and outpatients who suffered a stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, hip fractures, amputations and other neurological and/or orthopedic related conditions. They optimize each patient's ability to perform life skills at home, at school, at work and in the community.

Licensure provides the highest form of government regulation and will protect the consumer's health, safety and welfare. Many insurance payers also recognize licensed individuals and reimburse services provided by these licensed individuals. Medicare and Medicaid recognize the qualified occupational therapy practitioners and reimburse their services. This bill also expands the scope of Occupational Therapy practice in Hawaii.

I request you and your committee's support by passing this bill, which would make Hawaii the 50th State to license occupational therapists and the 49th State to license occupational therapy assistants. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Roe, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific

March 17, 2014

TO: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair Consumer Protection

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 2:10 p.m. – Conference Room 325

RE: SB2472, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

We are occupational therapy practitioners employed at Straub Clinic & Hospital and we support SB 2472, SD1, HD1 which would license both occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

At Straub, the occupational therapists play an integral role in the rehabilitation of our patients many of whom have sustained an injury or illness such as strokes, burns, amputations, hip/knee replacements, neurological injuries, arm and shoulder injuries or fractures. Our services encompass both on the acute inpatient units as well as outpatient services.

Occupational therapy services include: 1) assessment and evaluation of our patients followed by development of a treatment plan, 2) interventions focusing on activities of daily living, work readiness, return to hobbies/sports, 3) therapeutic exercises, therapeutic activities, physical agent modalities, cognitive or psychosocial components, 4) education of family members or significant others in carrying out appropriate interventions, 5) adaptation or recommendations for home modifications or other environments to allow our patients to return home safely.

As you may be aware, Hawaii is the only state that does not currently license Occupational Therapists (OTR) and one of three remaining states that does not license Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA). Licensure would protect the public from incompetent practitioners from practicing in Hawaii and would require the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of both OT's and OTA's. This bill would also further define the scope of Occupational Therapy practice in Hawaii.

We hope that your committee will look favorably upon passage of SB 2472, SD2, HD1. If you have any additional questions, we can be reached at 522-4602. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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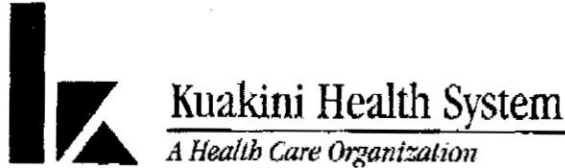
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To: Honorable Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair, Consumer Protection Committee

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RE: SB2472hd1- Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

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As you may be aware, Hawaii is the only state that does not currently license Occupational Therapists (OTR) and one of 3 remaining states that does not license Occupational Therapy Assistants.

At Kuakini Medical Center, Occupational Therapy practitioners play an integral part in helping patients reach their highest level of function and independence through the use of functional tasks and therapeutic exercise.

We strongly feel that licensure provides the highest form of government oversight and will continue to: 1) safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare; 2) Protect those seeking Occupational Therapy services from incompetent persons and persons not qualified to perform these services; 3) Require the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants and 4) Provide the highest quality of Occupational Therapy services in Hawaii. This bill will also further define the scope of Occupational Therapy practice.

We hope that you and your committee will look favorably upon passage of this bill which would provide full licensure for both Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants in Hawaii. If you have any additional questions, we can be reached at 547-9128. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Joan Kawai, OTR, Manager
Rehabilitation Services, Kuakini Medical Center

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Licensure provides the highest form of government regulation and will protect the consumer's health, safety and welfare. Insurance payers also recognize licensed individuals and reimburse services provided by these licensed individuals. Medicare and Medicaid recognize the qualified occupational therapy practitioners and reimburse their services. This bill expands and clarifies the scope of Occupational Therapy practice in Hawaii. Thus, consumers will be able to receive services that are clinically necessary during their occupational therapy visits and for which occupational therapists are educated and trained

We ask you and your committee's support by passing this bill, which would make Hawaii the 50th State to license occupational therapists and the 49th State to license occupational therapy assistants. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Inpatient Staff at Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific

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To: State Capitol **From:** Inpatient staff at Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific

Fax: 586-8437 **Date:** March 18, 2014

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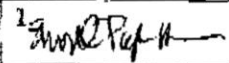
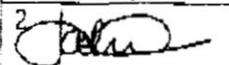

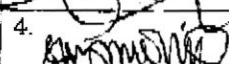
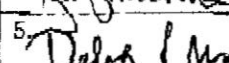
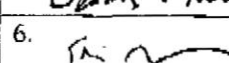

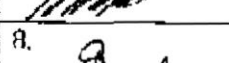
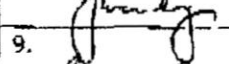
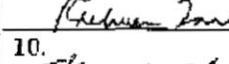
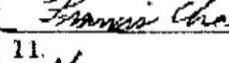
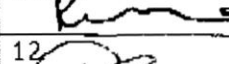
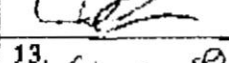
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March 17, 2014

TO: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair - Consumer Protection

RE: SB2472, SD2, HD1 Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – 2:10 p.m. Room 325

My name is Edna Noda and I have been a consumer of Occupational Therapy services at Straub Clinic and Hospital. I am asking that you support this bill that would license both Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants in Hawaii.

I injured all of my fingers in both hands while trying to prevent an iron gate from falling off its track. Needless to say, I had to undergo surgery by an orthopedic surgeon to place pins in my fingers to repair all of the broken bones. After surgery, my doctor referred me to Straub where the occupational therapist had to design and make two special hand splints to not only protect the pins, but to allow healing of all of the bones. After one month, I was sent back to see my occupational therapist and under her guidance I was taught exercises that would help me regain the motion and strength in my hands. One takes things for granted, but the simplest things like brushing your teeth, washing your hair, cutting with a knife and even driving were challenges that I faced. My occupational therapist encouraged me and provided step-by-step instructions and I have now “graduated” from O.T. Without rehabilitation professionals like the occupational therapists, I would probably have not been able to regain my hand function.

For the sake of consumers like myself, I ask that your committee look favorably upon licensing Occupational Therapists and Assistants in Hawaii. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Edna Noda
Occupational Therapy Patient
(808) 342-1726

March 17, 2014

TO: Representative Angus McKelvey - Chair, Health

RE: SB2472, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – Room 325 – 2:10 p.m.

My name is John A. Jiuliano, M.D. and I am a board certified Orthopedic Hand and Upper Extremity Surgeon. The occupational therapist plays an integral and important role in the rehabilitation of my patients many of which have sustained injuries ranging from hand and wrist fractures, tendon injuries, amputations, joint replacements, nerve injuries and microvascular reconstruction in both children and adults.

The occupational therapists have demonstrated competency by adhering to my rehabilitation protocol in guiding my patients to have the best functional recovery which in turns leads them to returning to their daily activities without significant complications or impairments.

Due to the varying degrees of injury and severity with my patients, I feel that licensure is imperative in ensuring that qualified occupational therapists continue to provide my patients, your family members and your constituents with optimum care. For the sake of my patients and your constituents, I urge you and your committee members to pass this SB 2472, SD2, HD1.

Sincerely,

John A. Jiuliano, M.D.
1329 Lusitana Street, Suite 501
Honolulu, HI. 96813
(808) 522-9633

March 17, 2014

To: Representative Angus McKelvey – Chair, Health

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Room 325 – 2:10 p.m.

Re: SB2472, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

I am an occupational therapist employed at Kaiser Permanente in Wailuku, Hawaii. I strongly support SB 2472, SD2, HD1 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

Currently, Hawaii is the only state that does not license occupational therapists. In addition, Hawaii is the one of 3 remaining states that does not license occupational therapy assistants.

At Kaiser Permanente, occupational therapy practitioners play an integral role in the rehabilitation of patients with a variety of diagnoses. I work with people who are trying to regain their independence after stroke, burns, bone fracture, head injury, cardiac events, spinal cord injury and many more. I provide care for every age group from newborns to our most elderly members. We keep people in their homes and as independent and as active in their communities as possible.

We strongly feel that licensure provides the highest form of government oversight and will continue to safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare along with protecting those seeking occupational therapy services from incompetent persons or persons not qualified to perform these services. Licensure will also require the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of OT practitioners in Hawaii. This bill will also further define the scope of Occupational Therapy practice in Hawaii.

I hope that your committee will look favorably upon passage of this bill. If you have any questions, I can be reached at Nancy.Zionkowski@KP.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Nancy Zionkowski, OTR
Kaiser Permanente
Maui Lani Elua Clinic
75 Maui Lani Parkway
Wailuku, HI 96793

Date: March 18, 2014

To: Honorable Representative Angus K. McKelvey, Chair –Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Hearing: March 19, 2014, 2:10PM, Conference Rm. 325

RE: SB 2472, SD2, HD1

We are occupational therapists currently employed at Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health. We strongly support SB 2472 SD2 HD1 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

As you may be aware, Hawaii is the only state that does not currently license Occupational Therapists (OTR), and one of 3 remaining states that does not license Occupational Therapy Assistants.

At the behavioral health hospital where we are currently employed, occupational therapy practitioners play an integral role in each patient's recovery. We work with patients (ages 4 through adult) who are struggling to deal with their life circumstances, while managing the symptoms of a mental illness. We teach important life skills and coping skills to support their successful reintegration into the community. It is only through our knowledge and the application of evidenced based OT principles as it relates to psychosocial functioning, that we are able to provide the most effective care and treatment.

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We hope that you and your committee will look favorably upon the passage of this bill, which would provide full licensure for both occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in Hawaii. If you have any additional questions, please contact Lorene Nakagawa at naklt@yahoo.com. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our testimonies.

Sincerely,

Lorene Nakagawa, OTR
Rehab Services Manager

Dawn Noguchi-Lui, OTR

Judy Suarez, OTR

Leonora Ching, OTR

Jacque Cadiz, COTA

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From: CPN Testimony
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Brooke
Office of Sen. Baker

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Subject: SB 2472, SD2, HD1 (HSCR950-14) - Relating to Occupational Therapy

TO: Rep. McKelvey, Chair
House Commerce and Consumer Protection

Hearing date: Weds, March 19th, 2:10 p.m.

Dear Chair and Committee members,
Your committee previously heard HB2042 - Relating to Occupational Therapy on 2/12/14 and at that time your committee decided to defer action on this bill to await crossover of the Senate version - SB2472, SD2. During the Senate hearings more than 40 testimonies were received and were in favor along with testimony from Sandra Matsushima - Executive Officer for Occupational Therapy from DCCA. Both the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii (OTAH) and Ms. Matsushima have worked in collaboration on the current version of this bill and we are in agreement. The Senate Committees on Commerce & Consumer Protection, Health and WAM overwhelming passed this measure. Just last week the House Health committee passed SB2472, SD2, HD1. On behalf of OTAH, we hope that you and your committee will also support in favor of this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 833- 6464 (H) or home email: smilingheart@hawaii.rr.com.

Sincerely,
Donna Lee, OTR

To: Representative Angus McKelvey – Chair House Consumer Protection

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2:10pm, conference room 325

Re: SB 2472, SD2 - Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

I am Brooke Nakamura, an Occupational Therapist and I strongly support SB 2472 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

As you may be aware, Hawaii is the only state that does not currently license occupational therapists and one of 3 remaining states that does not license occupational therapy assistants. Occupational therapy practitioners play an integral part in helping people across the lifespan participate meaningfully in the things they want or need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations).

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Sincerely,

Brooke A. Nakamura, OTD, OTR
Queen's Medical Center

Date: March 18, 2014

To: Honorable Representative *Angus McKelvey, Chair, Committee on Health and Committee Members*

Hearing:

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014,

Time: 2:10 PM

Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

RE: SB2472, SD2, HD1, Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

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I reviewed RICO's proposed revisions and am in support. It provides clarity and standardizes the language.

I request that you and your committee support passage of this bill, which would make Hawaii the 50th State to license occupational therapists and the 49th State to license occupational therapy assistants. If you have any additional questions, I may be reached at vtully@rehabhospital.org or 544-3336. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,



Virginia Tully, OTR, MBA
Director, Continuous Improvement and Compliance
Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific

Date: March 18, 2014

To: Rep. Angus McKelvey, Chair Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:10pm, Conference Room 325

RE: SB247, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

I am an occupational therapist and I strongly support SB247, SD2, HD1 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

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Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christy L. Gray, OTR. The signature is written in cursive and includes the initials "OTR" to the right of the name.

Christy L. Gray, OTR

Date: March 18, 2014

To: Rep. Angus McKelvey-Chair House Consumer Protection Committee

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 2:10 pm, Conference Room 325

RE: SB 2472sd2- Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

I am an occupational therapist currently a stay-at-home mom. I strongly support SB 2472 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

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Sincerely,

Deborah J. Hazama, OTR
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Peter B. Lum, MD, MPH

Fax

To: Rep. Angus McKelvey

From: PETER B. LUM, MD, MPH

Chair of House Consumer Protection

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Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

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Date: March 18, 2014

TO: Representative Angus McKelvey- Chair of House Consumer Protection
Committee

RE: SB2472SD2- Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice

Hearing: March 19, 2014, 2:10 pm, Room 325

My name is Dr. Peter Lum and I am a Board Certified Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist. Occupational therapists play an integral and important role in the rehabilitation of my patients, most of whom have sustained injuries while working. They have demonstrated competency by adhering to my rehabilitation protocols in guiding my patients to have the best functional recovery which in turn leads them to returning to their daily activities with the least amount of complications or impairments.

Due to the varying degrees of injury and severity with my patients, I feel that licensure is imperative in ensuring that qualified occupational therapists continue to provide my patients, your family members and your constituents with optimum care. For the sake of my patients and your constituents, I urge you and your committee members to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Lum
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
2:10 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2472, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, RELATING TO
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE.**

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

My name is Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer for the Occupational Therapy Program of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"), Professional and Vocational Licensing Division. The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2472, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Occupational Therapy Practice, with suggested amendments.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 2472, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, is to improve the regulation of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants by establishing an occupational therapy program and licensing requirements for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

In order to implement the licensure of approximately 600 occupational therapists and licensure of approximately 100 occupational therapy assistants, we are requesting that an appropriation of \$70,000 from the compliance resolution fund be inserted into Section 8 of the bill. The appropriation is being requested to cover operating expenditures such as office supplies, postage, and other current expenses to carry out and maintain this new regulatory area within the purview of the Director of the Department. Upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period, every licensee will be assessed a \$100 surcharge in addition to the normal licensing fees. Once the collection of \$70,000 is received, the assessment of the surcharge shall cease.

We are also requesting that the Act shall take effect upon approval.

The Department has worked in collaboration with the proponents of the bill and we support Senate Bill No. 2472, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, with the amendments proposed by the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, which defines the occupational therapy practice and provides licensure for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

We respectfully request your support for this bill with our suggested amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2472, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

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LATE**SB 2472 Relating to Occupational Therapy**

TO: The Honorable Representative Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair, House
Consumer Protection Committee

Hearing: March 19, 2014

Room: 325

RE: SB 2472; SD2, HD1 (HSCR 950-14)

I am an occupational therapist employed at the Queen's Medical Center. I strongly support SB 2472 to license both occupational therapists (OTR) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) in Hawaii.

As you may be aware, Hawaii is the only state that does not currently license Occupational Therapists (OTR) and one of 3 remaining states that does not license Occupational Therapy Assistants.

At the Queen's Medical Center, occupational therapy practitioners play an integral part in maximizing one's independence in activities of daily living and mobility which is a vital part in resuming one's prior level of functioning after sustaining a traumatic injury or life threatening illness. Without the skilled training of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, families or loved ones take on additional roles as caregivers. As skilled professionals, we guide and train families/caregivers on how to work with and managed their loved ones in addition to treating and progressing the patients to their maximum level of independence.

I strongly feel that licensure provides the highest form of government oversight and will continue to: 1) safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare; 2) protect those seeking occupational therapy services from incompetent persons and persons not qualified to perform these services; 3) require the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants and; 4) provide the highest quality of occupational therapy services in Hawaii. This bill will also further define the scope of Occupational Therapy practice.

I hope that you and your committee will look favorably upon passage of this bill which would provide full licensure for both occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in Hawaii. If you have additional questions, I can be reached at hataek001@hawaii.rr.com or 691-4655. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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