

GM 628

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Massage Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, OLIVIA NAGASHIMA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Board of Massage Therapy

Description:

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Current Referral: CPN

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Friday, April 11, 2014
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 628.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 628, regarding the **reappointment** of Olivia Nagashima to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Nagashima's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Nagashima is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. She has been licensed since September 20, 1996, and her massage therapist license is current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Nagashima was originally appointed to the Board in August 2008. Since her appointment to the Board, Ms. Nagashima has become the Chair of the Board. She

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has attended 27 of the 27 scheduled meetings. She is always prepared and actively participates in discussions. We believe that Ms. Nagashima's continued service on the Board will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

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

April 5, 2014

Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Dear Ms. Baker,

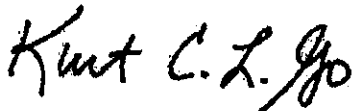
I have known Olivia Nagashima, licensed massage therapist (LMT) and principal therapist and owner of Koolau Massage, since October 2011. She was the principal therapist during my massage apprenticeship from November 2011 until May 2012. Her mentorship contributed significantly to my success in passing the State of Hawaii Massage Therapy Exam in September 2012 and becoming a LMT.

Olivia has excellent rapport with clients and other massage students in her massage establishment. Her experience as a massage therapist and sole proprietor of a business for the past 17 years provided me with valuable insight in starting my own massage establishment on Molokai in April 2013. In addition, her ability to manage a massage establishment, teach and coordinate massage classes at Remington College, and spend time with her husband (Jason) and adult children (Nicole and Justin) has inspired me in my quest to balance work and family time with my wife (Kelly) and young daughters (Mallory and Meredith).

Therefore I highly recommend that you consider Olivia Nagashima as an ideal candidate to be a member of the Hawaii Board of Massage. She will bring a new perspective to the board as a long-time massage practitioner, business owner, and instructor in dealing with administrative duties relating the changes in our profession as LMTs in Hawaii. Her passion and desire for massage therapists to stay up to date with the latest massage techniques will surely benefit the board in continuing education opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Mahalo nui loa,



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Olivia Nagashima
Board of Massage Therapy

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

I have been a board member from August 2008 and would like to continue to make a difference in my profession. Our laws are antiquated and need to be updated with respect to the trends in the profession as well as the legal boundaries. I feel that having worked as a licensed massage therapist for 17-1/2 years and teaching for over 10 years, along with my experiences as an officer of my professional association, I am qualified to bring my experience and knowledge to the table.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

The roles and responsibilities of a board member include but are not limited to, as a practicing Licensed Massage Therapist bring "real world" experience into business discussions with the board, attending scheduled board meetings, review/comment/vote on courses of action on situations brought to the board for decisions, and working well with others on the committee.

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

I believe I am qualified for this position as I have been licensed and practicing full time in my own office in this profession for almost 18 years. I have been a past President, Vice-President, Education Chair, Membership Chair of our national association chapter, American Massage Therapy Association. I have worked well with many health care professionals and have been involved in discussions/decisions in the direction of our profession.

My skills include management, logistical planning for statewide meetings, teaching/training students and instructors, marketing, facilitating continuing education workshops and representing Hawaii members at national conventions.

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

I hope to be able to assist in a complete review/revision of our current Rules of Administrations and present a copy for consideration by the AG's office for review and adoption. I also hope to be able to help streamline the process of licensure in our state.

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

I am very organized, my time and personnel management skills are excellent and I am passionate in my work.

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

I have been a previous board member since August 2008, initially to fulfill the balance of term for a previous board member. I was then re-appointed by the Governor in 2010 with my current term expiring on 6/30/14.

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

I believe that conflicts of interest will be at a bare minimum because I understand my role as a board member to be neutral and recuse myself if a conflict exists. I would overcome conflicts of interest by evaluating the situation and ask for guidance/counsel if I am not able to provide an unbiased decision/opinion. Conflicts of interest with other Board members would be at a minimum because I would look at the required outcome, based on the laws, for the good of the people involved and not just the benefit of one person.